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The plan adopted in preparing the Report for 1884 has been followed in drawing up the following Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1885. The forms of statement are also similar, except that Annual Statement 3 has been amended by eliminating therefrom cases of contempt of Court under Chapter XXXV of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Such cases, as they involve offences against the Penal Code, are included in Statement 2, and they have therefore, with the approval of the Government of India contained in its No. $\frac{6}{465-76}$ dated 15th April 1885, been excluded from Statement 3, which is intended to include only miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Area and population.

2. The total area of the Lower Provinces, subject to the administration of the High Court, was 138,896 square miles, or 54 square miles in excess of the area in 1884. This increase was caused by the transfer to the District of Maldah of certain portions of the Sonthal Pergunnahs under the orders of the Government of Bengal in Notification dated 9th May 1882, and in its letter No. 1061, dated 8th July 1884. The population of the province in consequence has increased to 64,612,563, or to 1,039 in excess of the population given in the Report for 1884. The number of sub-divisions remained unchanged.

3. For reasons stated in previous years, the statistics of that portion of the Sonthal Pergunnahs which is administered by the Government of Bengal direct, is excluded from the present report.

CRIMINAL COURTS.

Presidency Magistrates, Sessions Judges, and District Magistrates.

4. The number of Stipendiary Magistrates at the Presidency, and of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates outside the Presidency Town, has remained unchanged.

District Magistrates with special powers under Section 34, C. P. C.

5. The District Magistrates vested with the special powers described in section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were, as in previous years, the Deputy Commissioners of Hazareebagh, Lohardugga, Manbhoom, Singbhoom, Darjeeling, and Jalpaigoree. The Deputy Commissioners of Singbhoom and Jalpaigoree have not exercised these powers during the past year.

6. Including District Magistrates, but excluding the Magistrates (Stipendiary and Honorary) in Calcutta, the total numbers of Magistrates of each class at the close of 1884 and 1885, respectively, were—

	1884.	1885.
Stipendiary	376	390
Honorary	1,394	1,541

Of the 390 Stipendiary Magistrates employed at the close of the year, 243 exercised powers of the first class, 56 of the second class, and 91 of the third class, as compared with 233, 72, and 71, respectively, during the previous year.

Benches of Magistrates.

7. The total number of Benches of Magistrates, constituted under Section 15 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, was 174 in the past, as against 172 in the previous year. Two new Benches were created in Sarun and one in each of the Districts of Cuttack, Darjeeling, Jessore, and Khulna; while in each of the Districts of Beerbhoom, Moorshedabad, Nuddea, and Mozufferpore, the number was reduced by one. No Benches have as yet been constituted in Hazareebagh and Manbhoom.

The District Officers, as a rule, report favourably of the work done by this class of tribunal, and it would seem that the Honorary Magistrates generally have been more regular in their attendance and have displayed more zeal and care in their work.

Unfavourable reports have been received from the District Magistrates of Nuddea, Monghyr, and Khulna. The District Magistrate of Nuddea reports that the Benches in that district are, as a rule, of little use owing to the extreme irregularity in the attendance of many of the Honorary Magistrates which renders it necessary to postpone the sittings of the Bench for want of a quorum. Unpunctuality in the attendance of the Honorary Magistrates and a tardiness in the disposal of cases is reported from Monghyr, and the attendance of the members of the Benches in the District of Khulna is said to have been uncertain and irregular, as the Magistrates are generally of the legal profession and so engaged. Complaints of irregular attendance on the part of individual members have been received regarding the Benches at Naraingunge in Dacca, Ghattal in Midnapore, Tangail in Mymensingh, and Lalbagh in Moorshedabad; but it is reported that measures have been adopted to remedy this and to remove those Magistrates who have displayed no proper sense of the responsibilities or appreciation of the distinction of the office. At Kurseong many of the members of the Bench who are tea-planters appear to have been unable to attend regularly.

The Sessions Judge of Sarun reports that the result of appeals is not creditable to the Bench of Magistrates at Chupra, whose proceedings, he says, continue to be far from satisfactory. He is opposed to the present system under which these tribunals, if presided over by a Magistrate of the first or second class, are empowered to dispose of cases summarily; and, in support of his objection, he quotes the facts of a case which came before him on revision. In this case the presiding officer, who was also the Treasury officer, left the Bench after the trial began, and only returned in time to hear the arguments and to write the final order—the case being virtually tried under the summary procedure by two Honorary Magistrates individually vested only with powers of the third class. The case was referred to the High Court and the proceedings quashed. The fault seems to have rested with the District Magistrate in not making proper arrangements for the conduct of the business.

The members of the Benches in Mozufferpore, who have been regular in attendance, are reported to have been reluctant to convict.

Satisfactory reports have been received from Chumparun and Durbhanga. The Magistrate of the latter district reports that the Benches have been reconstituted during the year, that the proceedings have been regular, and the sentences moderate and suitable. In Bankura the Benches are said to have been of material assistance in disposing of petty cases, and in Moorshedabad they are said to have done useful work, though the outturn was somewhat less than in the preceding year. In Midnapore the attendance of the Honorary Magistrates is said to have improved with the exception of the members of the Bench at

Ghattal. In Rajshahye and Darjeeling, the Benches are reported to have worked well and to have given satisfaction, so also the Benches at Debigunge and Chandumbari in Jalpaigoree. The members of the Bench in the District of Noakhally elect their own Chairman at each meeting, and arrangements are made for the formation of the Bench after ascertaining previously whether particular Magistrates will be able to attend. This arrangement, it is said, has removed the inconvenience hitherto felt in securing the regular attendance of the Honorary Magistrates.

The Benches in the District of Tipperah were materially strengthened during the year, while the attendance of the members is reported to have been more satisfactory; by this means sensible relief, it is said, has been rendered to the stipendiary staff. In Dacca, with the exception of the members of the Naraingunge Bench, the attendance of the Honorary Magistrates appears to have been more regular. In Mymensingh, except at Tangail, a large number of cases was decided by the Benches. In the District of Burdwan the Benches at Raneegunge, Cutwa, and Assensole were strengthened, and the work done by them is said to have been satisfactory and to have successfully stood the test of appeal. The attendance of the Honorary Magistrates on the Bench at Cuttack has shown improvement and the outturn of work was fair.

On the whole, therefore, it would seem that the improvement has been gradual. Much depends on the tact and interest displayed by District Magistrates and the supervision exercised by them over the proceedings of this class of tribunals. The present system does not permit any inspection by Sessions Judges, and the High Court have as yet been unable to have personal experience of this branch of the administration.

No change has been reported regarding the sittings of the Benches of Magistrates in Calcutta.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

8. Tables A and B show the number of offences reported, of cases returned as true, and of cases brought to trial during the years 1884 and 1885. The general results were as follows:—

	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Number of cases brought to trial.
1884	271,383	233,060	156,012
1885	266,032	225,688	147,579

These returns, compared with those of the three preceding years, show that the number of offences reported and of cases reported as true have increased, while the number of cases brought to trial is smaller than in 1883 and proportionately smaller than in previous years.

9. All classes of reported offences show a decrease with the exception of offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy[1] and offences affecting the human body.[2] The decrease is most striking in offences under special and local laws and offences affecting the public health, &c., and religion[3]. Offences affecting the human body have increased from 69,491 in 1884 to 71,835 in 1885.

[1] Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code.
[2] Chapter XVI.
[3] Chapters XIV and XV.

A decrease in the number of reported offences occurred chiefly in the following districts:—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Dacca	9,555	8,493	7,872	6,700
Tipperah	7,717	7,451	6,018	5,027
Durbhanga	5,297	4,645	4,648	3,765
Gya	7,685	7,083	7,035	6,258
Furreedpore	6,326	5,432	5,156	4,467
Hooghly	8,528	7,699	7,031	6,348
Purneah	5,518	4,853	4,573	3,894
Nuddea	7,745	6,820	6,836	6,164
Patna	9,241	8,537	8,489	7,831
Balasore	2,742	2,313	2,287	1,720
Howrah	6,255	5,798	5,711	5,208

In noticing these returns for 1884 the increase in Gya of both denominations of cases was quoted. There has now been a relapse, but still the number of reported cases in that District is much in excess of those of the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and the proportion of cases returned as true to cases reported is generally smaller. In Furreedpore the number of cases reported and of cases returned as true is much smaller than in any of the preceding years since 1880, in which there were 6,539 of the former and 5,327 of the latter. In Tipperah it will be observed that the returns in both respects show a very decided falling off in comparison with the returns of every year since 1879, and that the proportion of cases returned as true is also much smaller. The return of 1883, which is nearest in numbers to that of 1885, showed 7,501 cases reported and 5,831 cases returned as true, while in 1880 there were as many as 9,685 of the former and 8,585 of the latter. In Purneah, too, the returns for 1885 show a smaller number than in any of the previous six years. In Patna, Balasore and Howrah the number of cases reported is considerably smaller than in any of the six preceding years, but the proportion of cases reported as true has not materially varied.

In the following districts there was a considerable increase:—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
24-Pergunnahs	16,029	16,937	14,103	15,374
Cuttack	4,588	5,577	3,508	4,394
Rungpore	4,254	4,925	3,285	4,022
Noakhally	3,941	4,551	3,483	4,121

The variations in the 24-Pergunnahs and Noakhally are not remarkable as the numbers are about the average of previous years. The increase in Cuttack and Rungpore are deserving of mention, as the returns of the past year exceed any of the preceding years and the number of cases returned as true is proportionately small in comparison with the returns of other Districts.

Various causes have been assigned by District Magistrates for these results; but they are generally speculative and not deserving of special mention. The attention of the Local Government will doubtless be directed to these variations which can be more appropriately considered in connection with the administration of the Police.

10. The number of complaints dismissed and of cases struck off as false was 40,344, or 15·1 per cent. of the total number of offences reported in 1885, as compared with 38,323 or 14·1 per cent. rejected or struck off in 1884. This proportion is higher than in any of the previous five years except in 1882 when it is returned at 15·2 while in 1883 it fell to 13·3. The following figures distinguish complaints dismissed under Section 203 of the Criminal Procedure Code from complaints decided to be false after trial:— Reject compla false c

	Cases dismissed on complaint.	Cases decided to be false.
1884	26,742	11,581
1885	29,727	10,617

These returns taken with those of previous years show that, although the number of cases brought to trial is about the average of the preceding five years, the number of cases dismissed on complaint considerably exceeds that of any one of those years, while the number of cases decided to be false is in about the same proportion smaller.

The increase under the former head was most remarkable in Tipperah (745), Mymensingh (461), Manbhoom (370), Lohardugga (335), and in Poorce, Shahabad, Backergunge, Durbhanga, and Sarun in a lesser degree. On the other hand there was a considerable decrease in Chumparun (427) and Jessore (210).

Under the second head the falling off is most apparent in the returns from the 24-Pergunnahs (325), Pubna (271), and Mymensingh (248). The contrary result is shown in the returns from Lohardugga (273), Rajshahye (168), and Bankura (152); while in Dacca the number of such cases has increased from 86 in 1884 to 236 in 1885.

The Magistrate of Tipperah reports that the large increase in the number of complaints rejected during 1885 is due to the introduction of a practice of sending complaints of a petty nature to the village punchayet for enquiry, by which means they are usually settled amicably and struck off for default of attendance of the parties. This practice is, strictly speaking, not in accordance with law. The refusal to give redress when applied for, without regard to the nature of the complaint, is not likely to inspire confidence amongst the community in the administration of justice. No complaints regarding this system have been made, but it should nevertheless be discontinued.

In Chumparun, owing to a change of officers, processes were issued more readily in cases instituted on complaint, with the result that the number of rejected complaints has fallen, and the number of cases decided to be false has increased from 343 in 1884 to 377 in 1885.

The Magistrate of Howrah reports that an increase from 10 in 1884 to 59 in 1885 in cases under Sections 379—381 and 401 of the Indian Penal Code, found to be false, is due to the fact that in previous years such cases, if reported false by the Police, were not entered in the returns submitted to the High Court. In Nuddea the percentage of false cases fell from 3·8 in 1884 to 1·5 in 1885, a result attributed by the Magistrate to the numerous prosecutions in 1884 for offences under Sections 211 and 182 of the Indian Penal Code, and to the fact that the well-known tendency of the inferior Police to report cases as false whenever they can, was also carefully checked by the Magistrates.

11. Four offences under Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code (offences against the State or relating to the Army or Navy) were reported during the past year as against 2 in 1884. These cases occurred in Sarun (2) and Cuttack and Darjeeling (1 each). In the last-mentioned case the complaint was summarily dismissed under Section 203 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and one of the cases reported from Sarun was, after trial, declared Class I. Offences against the State, &c.

to be false. The trial of the other cases resulted in the acquittal or discharge of the persons accused.

Class II. Offences against the Public tranquillity.

12. The number of offences against the public tranquillity, under Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,330 in the past, as compared with 3,333 in the previous year. Such cases were most numerous in the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Calcutta	323	195	758	464
Mymensingh . . .	233	192	420	427
Dacca	163	168	378	274
Furreedpore . . .	123	150	293	298
Tipperah	100	139	311	451
Backergunge . . .	88	136	212	349
Jessore	147	135	387	281
Pubna	110	112	211	161

Class III. Offences by, or concerning, public servants.

13. In the past year there was a further decrease in the number of offences by, or relating to, public servants (Chapters IX and X of the Penal Code), the numbers having decreased from 5,192 in 1883 to 4,924 in 1884 and 4,445 in 1885. The decrease in 1885 was greatest in the following districts :—

	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Furreedpore . . .	349	177	389	153
Gya	242	101	231	91
Nuddea	194	128	213	116
Rungpore	160	95	185	117
Pooree	73	18	45	22

On the other hand there was an increase in Midnapore (89) and Mymensingh (51).

Class IV. Offences against public justice.

14. The number of offences against public justice, and for giving false evidence under Chapter XI of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,121 in the past, as compared with 3,369 in the previous year. The decrease occurred chiefly in the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Moorshedabad	96	37	38	18
Pooree	101	44	33	11
Jessore	109	60	37	20
Tipperah	88	41	47	29
Furreedpore	94	50	35	45
Nuddea	133	89	93	46
Monghyr	134	98	73	50
Dacca	169	134	94	67

In Shahabad the instructions issued by the Government of Bengal regarding the prosecution of all persons whose cases are found to be false are said to have been carefully complied with, and to have caused an increase of 12 in the number of cases returned as true in this class. In Khulna, on the other hand, only 35 cases were instituted under Section 211, Indian Penal Code, during 1885, as against 54 in the year preceding; while cases declared to be false increased from 79 to 162.

The return of persons convicted by the courts outside the Presidency Town under this Chapter of the Penal Code for the past six years is the following :—

1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
2,211	2,016	1,817	1,986	1,809	1,639

This result is remarkable as occurring notwithstanding the orders of the Local Government for the more careful prosecution of such offences.

15. The number of offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures, under Chapters XII and XIII of the Penal Code, was 411 in the past, as against 439 in the previous year and 492 in 1883. The decrease in the past year is most striking in the following districts:— Class V. Offences relating to coin, stamps, weights, &c.

	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884	1885.
Backergunge	40	18	36	18
Sarun	21	4	5	5

In Chittagong cases of this class increased from 1 to 22, and in Pooree from 5 to 19. With the exception of these four districts there was but little variation in the number of offences of this class.

The increase is said to be due to greater attention paid to offences of this kind by the Police.

16. Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion (Chapters XIV and XV of the Indian Penal Code) decreased from 8,604 in 1884 to 6,579 in 1885. The result was principally contributed to by the following districts:— Class VI. Offences affecting public health, &c.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Calcutta	6,391	4,662	8,756	6,736
Tipperah	121	22	161	28
Furreedpore	111	40	129	30
Nuddea	98	40	130	64
Darjeeling	68	11	61	9
Bankura	64	13	60	4
Pubna	74	29	107	71
Balasore	37	7	59	9

On the other hand the number of true cases of this class was greater in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true		Persons convicted.	
	1884	1885	1884.	1885.
Sarun	34	117	41	218
24-Pergunnahs	315	374	349	375
Shahabad	62	107	87	126
Dinagepore	15	48	13	44
Mozufferpore	9	38	1	39
Jessore	60	86	66	127

17. The total number of reported offences affecting the human body under Chapter XVI of the Penal Code was 71,835 in the past, as compared with 69,491 in the previous year. The increase is chiefly observable in the following districts:— Class VII. Offences affecting the human body.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884	1885.	1884.	1885.
24-Pergunnahs	4,335	5,356	1,417	1,838
Noakhally	1,666	2,133	340	431
Hooghly	1,981	2,379	692	917
Calcutta	2,462	2,809	987	911
Cuttack	1,124	1,424	290	347
Midnapore	2,251	2,479	511	494

On the other hand there was a decrease in the districts noted below :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Mymensingh	3,397	2,986	981	1,192
Dacca	3,117	2,752	898	819
Jessore	2,070	1,710	586	538
Moorshedabad	1,316	1,090	469	392
Gya	986	784	319	327

Where the harvests were good and the people in consequence better able to indulge in this form of petty litigation, cases of this class have shown an increase, while in Jessore and Khulna distress caused by the floods is said to be the cause of the decrease.

The following statement gives details of some of the chief heads of crime included in this class :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
19. Murder	284	318	132	118
21. Culpable homicide	224	228	136	179
30. Grievous hurt	922	903	807	877
31 & 34. Simple hurt and assault	48,631	49,941	14,863	15,063
40. Rape	162	146	33	37

The number of persons brought to trial on charges of murder was greatest in the following districts :—24-Pergunnahs (38), Backergunge (34), Monghyr (33), Mymensingh and Lohardugga (30 in each), and Furreedpore (29). Cases of murder are reported from every district in the Province; but the number of persons brought to trial on this charge was very small in Bankura, Chittagong, Pooree, Balasore, Howrah, Bogra, Mozufferpore, and Singbhoom.

Class VIII. Offences against property.

18. The total number of offences against property under Chapter XVII of the Penal Code was 88,934 in the past, as compared with 89,174 in the previous year. The variation in the figures for the past two years is most noticeable in the returns of the following districts :—

	Increase.					Decrease.			
	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.			Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.		1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Moorshedabad	1,751	2,263	765	995	Nuddea	3,484	2,737	1,068	1,100
Monghyr	2,241	2,692	699	806	Durbbanga	2,818	2,252	900	760
Rungpore	1,416	1,846	602	751	Chumparun	1,968	1,495	732	600
24-Pergunnahs	2,547	2,889	1,325	1,297	Tipperah	2,009	1,542	732	547
Mymensingh	3,366	3,697	779	1,133	Purneah	2,400	1,997	853	445
					Balasore	1,012	681	440	294

Details of the chief heads of crime falling under this class are given below :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
42, 43, 55. Theft and receipt of stolen property	31,550	30,605	17,596	16,830
49—52. Dacoity	187	190	142	200
44—48. Robbery and extortion	980	927	271	303
61. House trespass and house-breaking	18,695	18,413	2,297	2,357

19. Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code, relating to documents, trade or property marks, breaches of contract of service, marriage, defamation and criminal intimidation, and insult or annoyance, show a further decrease in the past year, the total number reported having fallen from 8,515 in 1883 to 7,475 in 1884 and 7,296 in 1885. The following Districts show the largest decrease in crime of this class :— Class IX. Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Furreedpore	152	63	11	8
Mymensingh	363	295	21	39
Howrah	130	68	43	21
Purneah	110	56	17	8
24-Pergunnahs	515	494	236	199
Moorshedabad	170	121	33	23
Jessore	213	167	38	20

A noticeable increase in cases of this class which were returned as true is reported from the following three districts only :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885	1884.	1885.
Rungpore	177	274	16	32
Noakhally	147	181	8	25
Cuttack	77	108	18	36

The proportion of persons convicted to the number of persons tried for offences of this class still continues to be very low, being only 29 3 per cent. This proportion was in 1884 28·3 per cent., and in 1883, 34·1 per. cent.

20. The total number of offences against special laws was 80,077 in the past year, as compared with 84,572 in 1884. The following districts contributed most towards this decrease :— Class X. Offences against special Laws.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Hooghly	2,822	1,905	2,614	1,713
Dacca	2,230	1 560	1,729	1,1[illegible]2
Howrah	3,422	2,759	3,345	2,954
Patna	4,763	4,263	4,686	4,195
Tipperah	1,173	751	782	459
Backergunge	1,907	1,487	5,063	4,079
Khulna	709	324	848	500
Gya	1,561	1,201	1,460	1,051

An increase in the number of offences against special laws is reported from 15 districts in the Province, and is most marked in the following, *viz.* :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Cuttack	697	1,152	818	1,045
Burdwan	1,806	2,082	1,773	2,005
Jessore	624	898	510	696
Lohardugga	611	824	874	787

Details of offences under some of the more important special laws are given in the following table :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Cattle Trespass Act	6,581	6,828	1,525	1,632
Arms and Ammunition Act	1,122	913	1,009	860
Stamp Act	619	799	656	813
Excise, Salt and Opium Acts	5,128	4,255	4,769	4,000
District Police Act	16,150	15,133	16,904	15,534
Town Police Acts	7,512	5,396	10,484	7,395
Municipal Acts (Mofussil)	11,231	9,364	11,198	8,775

The appointment of non-official Native gentlemen as Chairmen of the Serampore Municipality in the Hooghly District, and of the Dacca Municipality, seems to have been followed by a decrease in prosecutions under the Municipal Act, and in Dacca a large decrease in prosecutions under the Police Act is said to have been the result of heavy sentences passed at the Baruni Mela in the year preceding. Prosecutions under the Salt Act in Khulna fell from 402 in 1884 to 49 in the past year, and in Gya also decreased sensibly; but as the offences complained of were generally of a trifling nature, the Magistrates of both Districts regard the decrease as not unsatisfactory. A large reduction in prosecutions under the Opium and Excise Laws is also reported from Gya, and is attributed partly to the unusually large number of prosecutions in the preceding year, and partly to the fact that prosecutions for petty breaches of these laws have been discouraged. The District Magistrate considers that the discontinuance of these petty prosecutions, which only unnecessarily harass the excise vendors and opium cultivators, is likely to prove beneficial.

The increase in Cuttack and Jessore occurred chiefly in offences under the Municipal Law, and in the latter district was due to the establishment of a Bench of Magistrates at Maheshpore to try such offences.

Results of trials in all Courts. *Tables A1 and B1.*

21. The total number of persons tried during each of the past two years and the general results of criminal trials are given below:—

	1884.	1885.
Acquitted or discharged	70,986	69,684
Convicted	153,460	140,795
Percentage convicted	68·3	66·8

It may here be stated that the percentage of persons convicted is much smaller than in any of the previous five years, during which it has never been lower than 68. per cent. in 1883 or higher than 68·7 in 1881.

Taking each class of offences separately, the proportion of convictions to persons tried was lower than in 1884 in the case of offences under Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code, and of offences against local and special laws, and higher in the case of offences under Chapters XII, XIII, XVI, XVIII to XXII of the Indian Penal Code.

The proportion of acquittals and discharges was lowest in Calcutta (11 per cent.), Darjeeling (22·5 per cent.), Howrah (25·4 per cent.), and Patna and the 24-Pergunnahs (28·5 per cent. in each), while it was highest in Bogra (49·4 per cent.), Pubna (47·9 per cent.), Jessore (47·1 per cent.), and Midnapore (46·6 per cent.).

Results of trials of European British subjects. *See Statement 8.*

22. Two hundred and sixteen cases against European British subjects were brought to trial in the Criminal Courts of 19 districts in the past year, as compared with 227 cases brought to trial in 20 districts in 1884.

Of these cases 214 were disposed of during the year, 211 being tried by Magistrates, who were European British subjects, and 3 by Native Magistrates. The 3 cases specified were tried by Native Magistrates in Burdwan and Nuddea.

Two hundred and forty-two persons were under trial in these (216) cases as compared with 291 in 227 cases in 1884. The districts in which the largest number of such trials was held were, as in 1884, Chittagong (101), Darjeeling (30), Howrah (27), and the 24-Pergunnahs (23). Such trials were very rare in Noakhally and Purneah (1 in each), in Bankura, Monghyr, Manbhoom, and Bhaugulpore (2 in each), and in Nuddea and Durbhanga (3 in each).

The offences with which the European British subjects were commonly charged were breaches of local and special laws (under which 156 were charged), criminal force and assault (38), and hurt (13). Out of 156 persons charged with offences under local and special laws, 92 are reported from Chittagong alone, of whom 51 were charged with offences under the Merchant Shipping Act (I of 1859), and the rest with committing offences on roads under Section

34 of the District Police Act (V of 1861). Nine persons in Darjeeling and seven persons in the 24-Pergunnahs were charged with criminal force and assault; the trials of the remaining 22 persons similarly charged were distributed among 13 other districts.

Of the persons tried during the year, 189 or 78·7 per cent. were convicted. One European British subject was committed to the High Court by the Cantonment Magistrate of Barrackpore in the District of the 24-Pergunnahs, but the trial was not held during the year under review.

None of the persons tried before Magistrates claimed to be tried by a mixed jury.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter VIc. and Section 485. *Statement 3. Table F.*

23. The number of witnesses against whom proceedings were taken under Chapter VIc and Section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for refusing to answer questions or to produce documents was 83 in the past, as compared with 56 in the previous year. Of the total number against whom such proceedings were taken in 1885, 56 were convicted. Proceedings under this law were instituted in 14 districts only, the largest numbers being reported from Rungpore (16), Balasore (10), and Mymensingh (8). In Bankura 21 recusant witnesses were proceeded against in six cases, but they were all discharged.

Chapter VIII. (1) Proceedings to prevent breach of the peace.

24. The number of persons against whom proceedings were taken in each of the years 1884 and 1885 under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (relating to the prevention of breaches of the peace), is thus returned :—

	1884.	1885.
Total number of cases on the files	2,733	2,599
Total number of persons concerned	11,282	10,419
Number of persons required to find sureties	2,728	2,680
Number of persons required to give recognizance to keep the peace.	5,002	4,395

Of 7,075 persons required to find sureties or to give recognizance to keep the peace, 838 persons were bound over after having been convicted of an offence involving a breach. These powers continue to be freely exercised in Backergunge and Furreedpore, the notorious centres of agrarian disturbance, but it is satisfactory to find from the smaller number of such cases in 1885 that the Magistrates of those districts have found it necessary to take such proceedings in a progressively smaller number of cases, as will appear from the following :—

	Number of persons required to furnish security or to give recognizance.		
	1883.	1884.	1885.
Backergunge	4,961	4,559	3,738
Furreedpore	3,060	506	297

A large number of persons bound down is also reported from the following districts, *viz.*, Khulna (311), Mymensingh (272), Tipperah (220), Jessore (169), and Howrah (160). In all these districts, except Tipperah, the numbers reported in the past year were considerably in excess of the numbers reported in 1884. The number of persons required to give such security increased also in Sarun from 40 in 1884 to 134 in 1885, and in Nuddea from 33 to 69, while in Pubna they have decreased from 180 to 138. As in 1884, no such proceedings were taken in Hazareebagh, while in Singbhoom, Julpaiguree, Darjeeling, Maldah,

Lohardugga, Noakhally, Rajshahye, Bogra, Balasore, and Beerbhoom, they were seldom resorted to. In Midnapore the number of persons bound down to keep the peace was 101 in the past as against 134 in the previous year. It is hardly necessary to remark that in very nearly every one of these cases the dispute was regarding the possession of land or crops growing thereon.

(2) Security for good behaviour.

25. The following statement shows the number of proceedings taken under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (security for good behaviour):—

	1884.	1885.
Total number of cases dealt with	1,157	1,117
Total number of persons concerned	1,237	1,222
Number of persons required to give security for good behaviour	764	767
Number of persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour	633	675

These returns show no material variation on comparison with those of the previous four years, and it is particularly remarkable how very nearly the returns of the two last years correspond. Of the 675 persons imprisoned on default of furnishing security, 37 were committed to jail by order of a Court of Session under Section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for periods between one and three years. The imprisonment of the other persons was for shorter terms by order of a Magistrate.

The largest number of persons required to give security for good behaviour was reported from Rungpore (73), 24-Pergunnahs (61), Sarun (53), and Backergunge and Mymensingh (47 in each), and the smallest number from Pooree, Khulna, Noakhally, Maldah, Tipperah, and Singbhoom (1 each), Darjeeling, Chumparun and Lohardugga (2 each), Howrah (3), Cuttack and Dacca (4 each), and Hooghly and Calcutta (5 each). The returns of Chittagong and Balasore show no such cases. On a comparison with the returns for 1884, a considerable increase in the number of persons required to give such security appears in the returns of Bankura (from 11 to 30), Mymensingh (from 10 to 47), Rungpore (from 32 to 73), and the 24-Pergunnahs (from 36 to 61), and a marked decrease in the returns of Dacca (from 24 to 13) and Tipperah (from 21 to 1). In Midnapore the number of persons required to give security for good behaviour was 29 in the past as against 19 in the previous year, a result due to the fact that some of a gang of women coming from Purulia were, after being convicted of theft, required also to furnish security for good behaviour.

Chapter X. Nuisance.

26. Proceedings for the suppression of nuisances (Chapter X of the Code of Criminal Procedure) were taken in 613 cases, as compared with 479 cases in 1884. The following districts returned the largest numbers of such cases:—Hooghly (103), Tipperah (96), Noakhally (78), and Pooree (60). No such proceedings were taken during 1884 in the two last-named districts. In the 24-Pergunnahs there were only 36 cases in the past as against 70 cases in the previous year. In 16 districts (including Calcutta) no such proceedings were taken. The orders passed were favourable to 199 and unfavourable to 626 of the persons concerned. The corresponding figures for 1884 were 284 and 748, respectively, and for 1883, 277 and 907. Forty-five cases were referred to a Jury under Section 138 of the Code, in 44 of which the Jury confirmed or very slightly modified the orders of the Magistrate, and one case remained undecided at the close of the year.

Chapter XII. Possession cases.

27. The number of cases regarding possession of land (Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure) decided by Magistrates was 339 in the past, as compared with 350 in the previous year. Cases of this nature were most numerous

in Furreedpore (69), Patna (29), Shahabad (28), Mozufferpore (24), and Mymensingh (22). No such cases were instituted in Calcutta, Cuttack, Dinagepore, Hazareebagh, Pooree, and Singbhoom.

28. The number of persons whose complaints were dismissed as frivolous or vexatious was 993 in the past, as compared with 990 in the previous year. The amount of compensation awarded to accused parties was R9,503-8 in 1885 as compared with R8,911-8 in 1884. Such orders were most numerous in Sarun (71), Calcutta (68), Dacca (55), Noakhally (51), Mymensingh, Patna, and Rungpore (44 each), and Mozufferpore (40). A comparison with the returns of 1884 will show an increase in Noakhally (39), Sarun (38), and Chittagong (27), and a considerable falling off in Calcutta (77) and in the 24-Pergunnahs (40). Such orders were rare in Singbhoom (1), Bankura (3), Beerbhoom, Howrah and Hazareebagh (4 in each) and Moorshedabad and Maldah (5 in each), while in Darjeeling, Lohardugga, and Manbhoom no such orders were passed. Chapter XX, Section 250.

29. Forty-three jurors and assessors rendered themselves liable to fine for non-attendance (Section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure) in the past as compared with 58 in the previous year. Of these 43 persons, who are reported from 10 districts, only 15 were fined. The largest number of such cases occurred in Nuddea where, however, only 4 out of the 27 persons who failed to attend were fined. In Mymensingh the number of such cases fell from 27 in 1884 to 4 in 1885. Chapter XXIII. Section 332.

30. Cases of contempt have been excluded from Statement 3 as has been already explained. Chapter XXXV.

31. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure were taken against 891 persons, but of these only 444 were required to pay maintenance. The corresponding figures for 1884 were 924 and 477. The districts in which the largest number of such cases occurred are, as in previous years, Calcutta (268), and the 24-Pergunnahs (89). There were also a large number of such cases in Midnapore (48), Burdwan and Hooghly (39 in each), and Mymensingh (35). No proceedings of this nature were taken in Darjeeling, while the complainants were unsuccessful in Backergunge, Dinagepore, Furreedpore, Noakhally, and Maldah. Chapter XXXVI. Maintenance cases.

32. Orders for the forfeiture of bail or recognizance were passed in the cases of 1,279 persons in 1885 as compared with 1,388 persons in the previous year. Such orders were most numerous in Mymensingh (126), Pooree (97), Midnapore (88), Nuddea (55), and Pubna (51). They were rare in Hazareebagh (1), Beerbhoom (7), Patna and Durbhanga (8 in each), Bankura (9), Darjeeling and Bogra (10 each), and Sarun (11). No such orders were made in Singbhoom. In Pooree, Balasore, and Lohardugga such orders as compared with those in 1884 are more numerous, while there has been a smaller number passed in Hooghly, Howrah, Khulna, Noakhally, Pubna, Chumparun, and the 24-Pergunnahs. Chapter XLII.

BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE CRIMINAL COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

33. Including 3 cases pending at the close of 1884, there were 43 under trial before the High Court in the exercise of its original jurisdiction. Of these, the trials of 41 cases were held, and 2 remained over at the close of the year. Besides these cases which were all committed by the Magistrates of Calcutta, one case relating to a European British subject was committed by the Cantonment Magistrate of Barrackpore which remained untried at the end of the year. Forty-six persons were under trial in these 41 cases, of whom 31 were Original Criminal Jurisdiction of the High Court.

convicted and 15 were either acquitted or discharged. The number of witnesses examined was 439, and the average duration of these cases before the High Court was 24·9 days.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

Number of Commitments, &c. *Table E.*

34. The following statement shows the number of cases committed or referred under Sections 31, 34 or 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to the Courts of Session, the number decided by such Courts during each of the past two years, and the number remaining untried at the close of each of those years respectively:—

	Committed or referred for trial.	Tried.	Untried (pending).
1884	1,563	1,533	232
1885	1,576	1,562	233

The number of cases committed or referred for trial has not materially varied during the past five years.

Taking each district separately it will be seen that in the following districts the trials have chiefly increased:—

	1884.	1885.	Increase.
Backergunge	26	50	24
Burdwan	37	60	23
Lohardugga	22	45	23
24-Pergunnahs	81	100	19
Beerbhoom	29	45	16
Chittagong	15	29	14
Noakhally	16	29	13
Mozufferpore	30	41	11
Hooghly	28	39	11

On the other hand the decrease was most striking in the following districts:—

	1884	1885.	Decrease.
Midnapore	69	44	25
Sarun	69	49	20
Pooree	20	4	16
Gya	62	47	15
Nuddea	55	40	15
Hazareebagh	33	20	13
Purneah	39	27	12

Of these it is necessary only to state that, although there has been an increase in the number of cases before the Sessions Court of Backergunge, the number shown is slightly less than in 1883. A similar remark is applicable in regard to Sarun, where the decrease of 1885 is explained by the unusually small number of trials in 1884.

The Sessions Judge of Burdwan has complained of the careless commitments made by the Magistrates, which in some measure account for the larger number of trials in his Court.

Average duration of cases.

35. The average duration of cases under trial before the Courts of Session was 45·5 days in the past as compared with 44·1 in the previous year. The averages are most remarkable in the following Courts:—

	Days.			Days.	
	1884.	1885.		1884.	1885.
Darjeeling	34	82·4	Singbhoom	48·6	23·2
Pooree	44·7	75·6	Bogra	52	24·3
Pubna	61·1	67	Nuddea	40·8	30·1
Khulna	45·8	66·9	Howrah	33·4	30 2
Jessore	39·7	58·8	Julpaiguree	48·8	32 5
Balasore	53·1	57·5	Bankura	27·4	33·7
Mymensingh	34·1	57·1	Beerbhoom	24	34 1
Manbhoom	50·1	53·3	Bhaugulpore	36	34·2
Dinagepore	35·6	51·5	Dacca	44	35 3
Rungpore	49	50·1	Noakhally	23 6	35·5

The attention of Sessions Judges has been constantly drawn to the necessity for more care in arranging for the early trial of cases committed. Delays which still occur are often due to commitments being made after a Session has commenced, when they might have been avoided if Magistrates had regulated their proceedings with regard to the notified dates of each Session. The orders issued by the High Court will, it is hoped, result in an improvement.

Number of persons under trial. *Table G.*

36. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Session was 3,271 in the past, as compared with 3,212 in the previous year, and 3,119 in 1883. More than 100 persons were under trial in each of the following Courts of Session :—

Remaining at the end of 1884	419
Persons whose cases were transferred from another Court	1
Persons received on commitment or reference or on remand for re-trial	2,851
	3,271

Mymensingh	217
24-Pergunnahs	170
Moorshedabad	122
Rungpore	120
Beerbhoom	118
Dacca	118
Burdwan	112
Patna	110
Jessore	109
Backergunge	108
Monghyr	105

The number of persons brought to trial before the Courts of Session was largest in Mymensingh as in 1884, while in Jessore there was an increase of 46 and in Khulna of 35 over the numbers of the year preceding. This increase is due to several cases of rioting in which the accused were numerous.

Results of trials.

37. The following statement shows the result of trials in 1884 and 1885, and as regards persons whose cases were referred to the High Court under Sections 307 and 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure :—

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Percentage convicted.
1884	1,212	1,539	55·9
1885	1,230	1,602	56·5

Including cases in which sentence of death was passed subject to confirmation by the High Court, 56·6 per cent. of those tried were convicted by the Courts of Session. The following are the districts in which the largest proportion of convictions resulted :—

	Per cent.
Darjeeling	100 *
Singbhoom	100 †
Bogra	84·6
Howrah	78·2
Balasore	76·1
Purneah	73·5
Chumparun	72·2
Noakhally	72·1
Beerbhoom	71·4
Nuddea	70·2

On the other hand the proportion was low in the following districts :—

	Per cent.
Pubna	28·7
Bankura	37·2
Burdwan	37·3
Dacca	38·2
Chittagong	41·6
Hooghly	42·2
Dinagepore	42·5

The Sessions Judge of Pubna has explained that at the Session held in January by his predecessor, 31 out of 34 persons tried were acquitted, and during the rest of the year the percentage of convictions (47) was very low.

* Only 13 persons concerned in 9 cases were tried, all of whom were convicted, 2 having been sentenced to death.

† Only 5 persons were tried and convicted by the Sessions Judge.

He ascribes this to a number of ill-considered committals. In Bogra, he adds, where the cases were almost all committed by an officer of experience and judgment, the results were very different, 84·6 per cent. of the persons tried having been convicted.

The Sessions Judge of Burdwan accounts for the large proportion of acquittals in a similar manner, and it is remarkable that 60 per cent. of the persons tried by the same Judge at Bankura were convicted. The Sessions Judge of Dacca attributes the large number of acquittals to the wrong verdicts of the jury. It may here be stated that he referred only five cases out of 42 tried with the assistance of jurors, and that in these the High Court set aside the verdict of the jury. It appears, however, that the Sessions Judge disapproved of the verdict in several other cases, but did not think proper to refer them. The Sessions Judge of Mymensingh complains of the perfunctory manner in which Magistrates commit cases to the Court of Session without proper inquiry on their part.

Number of witnesses examined. *Tables J. & K.*

38. Eighteen thousand six hundred and ninety-one witnesses were in attendance before the Courts of Session. Of these only 11,588 were examined as against 11,513 of the previous year, the remaining witnesses being discharged without examination. The number of days during which these witnesses were detained is shown in the margin. The districts in which the greatest number of witnesses were detained for more than three days, were—

Discharged on the 1st day	8,646
" 2nd "	4,504
" 3rd "	1,789
After the 3rd day	3,752
	18,691

Backergunge	443
Beerbhoom	331
Moorshedabad	252
Patna	233
Dinagepore	179
Burdwan	176
Maldah	144

No witnesses were detained for more than three days in the Courts of Session at Howrah, Jessore, Khulna, Nuddea, and Mozufferpore, while at Bogra, Purneah, Chumparun, and Manbhoom no witnesses were kept in attendance beyond two days. The detentions are generally explained as having been caused by one or more cases lasting longer than was expected, and thus deranging the list of the Sessions and preventing the trial of other cases on the days fixed. In many instances these detentions were unavoidable; but it is believed that with better arrangements between the Magistrate and the Sessions Courts they would not be so numerous. The matter has received much attention from the High Court. The fact that less than one-half of the witnesses attending the Courts of Session were discharged on the dates fixed for the trial is not satisfactory.

Diet-money.

39. The amount of diet-money, &c., paid to witnesses in the Courts of Session was R15,617 in the past, as compared with R16,733 in the previous year.

This result is on the whole satisfactory, seeing that 754 witnesses attended during 1885 in excess of the number of 1884.

The districts in which the variation in the figures for the past two years is most noticeable are given below:—

Districts.	Amount paid as expenses		Increase.	Districts.	Amount paid as expenses.		Decrease.
	1884.	1885.			1884.	1885.	
	R	R	R		R	R	R
Dacca	777	1,292	515	Midnapore	2,161	357	1,804
Moorshedabad	341	845	504	Nuddea	1,092	267	825
Rajshahye	333	807	474	Pooree	366	73	293
24-Pergunnahs	507	873	366	Shababad	562	315	247
Backergunge	111	472	361	Mymensingh	614	398	216
Bankura	194	428	234				

The large increase of expenditure in the Sessions Court of Dacca on account of witnesses is attributed partly to the fact that a greater number of witnesses were summoned and discharged without examination in the past year, and partly to the fact that a large number of witnesses was detained for more than three days in some heavy cases, the amount of expenses paid to them being thus increased. It is reported that the excess in Moorshedabad is due to the trial of several cases having been unusually protracted and also to the fact that in some cases the witnesses were respectable persons who had to come from a distance.

Jury trials. *Statement 7.*

40. The districts in which trials by Jury were held and offences were so triable remained as in previous years. The number of such trials has not materially varied, being 348 during the past, as compared with 346 during the previous year. In the past year, Sessions Judges approved of the verdict of the jury in 282 cases, disapproved of it wholly in 35 cases and partially in 31 cases. In 26 cases only did Sessions Judges disagree with the verdicts so completely as to consider it necessary for the ends of justice to submit the cases to the High Court as a Court of Reference. This matter will be mentioned in connection with proceedings before the High Court.

The Sessions Judge of Burdwan reports that the better classes, who are most qualified to serve as jurors, successfully evade that service because it is an irksome and distasteful duty.

The Sessions Judge of Dacca considers that this mode of trial has not worked satisfactorily, because out of 118 persons tried he obtained the reversal of the verdicts in the case of 10 on reference made to the High Court.

The Sessions Judge of Hooghly refers to his reports of previous years which are unfavourable, and adds that every year's experience shows the advisability of reforming the system.

The Sessions Judge of Moorshedabad disapproves of the present law which does not confine the liability to serve on a jury to residence within a particular distance from the Court of Session, as was provided for by orders issued under the Code of 1872.

The Sessions Judge of Patna reports the reluctance of juries to convict of offences against the person, and refers to five cases in which on reference made to the High Court their verdicts of acquittal were set aside, and he considers that this system does not work well in Patna.

The Sessions Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs also reports several cases referred to the High Court in which the verdicts delivered were perverse.

It may here be mentioned, although it will again come under consideration, that in 25 cases heard by the High Court on reference from Sessions Judges who disapproved of the verdicts of juries, the verdicts were set aside in 18 cases; new trials were ordered in 3 cases; and in the remaining 4 cases the verdict was accepted.

None of the cases decided by the Court of Session at Howrah during the past year were referred under Section 307 of the Code, while only one case of dacoity was referred by the Sessions Judge of Nuddea. In this case the verdict of the majority of the jury was for an acquittal, and the High Court accepted this verdict.

Trial with Assessors.

41. One thousand and forty-seven trials were held with the aid of Assessors as compared with 1,075 in the preceding year. In 796 cases the Sessions Judge concurred with the opinions of both the Assessors. In 121 cases the Sessions Judge differed from the opinion of one, and in 130 cases from the opinion of both Assessors.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

V.—PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES.

Number of cases brought to trial, determined, and pending. *Table E.*

42. The statement given in the margin shows the number of cases brought to trial, determined, and pending in the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates during the past two years. As in previous years, cases instituted under Section 347 of the Calcutta Municipal Act before Justices of the Peace have not been included, as no such returns are received by the High Court.

	1884	1885
Brought to trial . . .	34,449	29,141
Determined	34,440	29,438
Pending	45	36

Although the amount of business was less than in 1884, it is considerably in excess of that during any of the preceding four years.

43. The figures on the margin show the relative number of cases decided respectively by Presidency Magistrates sitting singly and by Benches of Magistrates.

	Number of cases decided	
	1884	1885.
By Presidency Magistrates sitting singly	23,179	18,701
By Benches of Magistrates . . .	11,261	10,737

The smaller amount of business done by the Presidency Magistrates is explained on reference to the preceding paragraph. The number of cases tried by Benches has varied very slightly, and is considerably in excess of the previous four years.

Results of trial. *Table H.*

44. The total number of persons under trial before the Presidency Magistrates was 39,113 in the past, as compared with 46,240 in the previous year. Of the total number of persons tried during the year under review, 4,242 were either acquitted or discharged, 34,753 were convicted, 15 died, escaped, or were transferred to other Courts, and 45 were committed to the Sessions.

The result of trials before each class of tribunal during the year is shown below :—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of conviction.
Stipendiary Magistrates . . .	2,200	25,458	92
Benches of Magistrates	2,042	9,295	81·9
TOTAL . .	4,242	34,753	89 1

It is remarkable that, although the proportion of convictions by Stipendiary Magistrates has not varied more than 1·6 per cent. during five years, that in trials before Benches ranges from 79·9 in 1882 to 87·4 and 87·3 in 1884 and 1881 respectively.

VI.—COURTS OUTSIDE THE PRESIDENCY TOWN.

Number of cases brought to trial, disposed of, and pending, 1884 and 1885, in the Mofussil. *Table E.*

45. The following table shows the number of cases brought to trial and disposed of in the Courts of Magistrates in the mofussil during each of the past two years, as also the number remaining undisposed of at the close of each of those years, respectively :—

	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1884	121,711	121,464	3,083
1885	118,100	117,662	3,330

A reference to the returns of previous years will show that the amount of work before the Magistrates and disposed of, is smaller than in any of the previous five years except 1881, while the pending files are considerably in excess. This is the more remarkable when it is found that the number of Stipendiary Magistrates is in excess of those employed in 1882, 1883, 1884 and only

slightly smaller than in the two preceding years, while the number of Honorary Magistrates has very considerably increased.

The following statement shows in detail the amount of work done by paid and unpaid Magistrates and the number employed during the past two years :—

		Cases.
In 1884,	376 Stipendiary Magistrates disposed of . .	90,006
„ 1885,	390 „ „ „ . .	88,301
„ 1884,	1,394 Honorary „ „ . .	29,934
„ 1885,	1,541 „ „ „ . .	28,362

The decrease in the number of cases brought to trial is most conspicuous in the returns from the following districts :—

	1884.	1885.	Decrease.
Hooghly	5,259	4,320	939
Howrah	5,032	4,158	874
Dacca	4,576	3,859	717
Patna	6,553	5,881	672
Backergunge	3,879	3,294	585
Tipperah	3,061	2,489	572
Gya	3,473	2,986	487
Nuddea	3,744	3,278	466

On the other hand, there was a considerable increase in the following districts :—

	1884.	1885.	Increase.
Cuttack	2,124	2,841	717
Sarun	3,226	3,801	575
Burdwan	3,638	4,049	411
Chittagong	1,822	2,204	382
Lohardugga	1,815	2,164	349
Rungpore	2,047	2,375	328

46. The number of cases tried regularly and of those tried summarily by the Courts of the several grades during each of the past two years are given below :— Distribution of business. *Statement 4.*

	Tried regularly.		Tried summarily.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Special Magistrates . . .	99	73	...	...
Honorary „ . . .	1,687	1,592	93	29
Stipendiary „ . . .	71,591	71,496	18,415	16,263
Benches of „ . . .	8,184	10,077	19,871	16,590
District „ . . .	811	663	551	470
TOTAL . .	82,372	83,901	38,930	33,352

47. Besides the cases so shown, District and Divisional Magistrates disposed of 409 cases referred to them by Subordinate Magistrates under Sections 347 and 349 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The corresponding number for 1884 was 162. References under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

48. The number of criminal cases decided by the District Magistrates in their judicial capacity during each of the past two years is given below :— Amount of work done by District Magistrates.

	Number of cases tried.	
	1884.	1885.
Cases referred under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code	162	409
Cases dealt with under ordinary powers . . .	1,350	1,121
Cases dealt with under special powers under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code	12	12
TOTAL .	1,524	1,542

As a whole, the work done by District Magistrates as Courts of original jurisdiction has not varied, but it will be seen that while they have decided more cases referred to them by Subordinate Magistrates they have actually tried a smaller number of cases.

The largest number of cases were tried by the District Magistrates of Jessore (223), Howrah (181), Cuttack (149), Dinagepore (103), Singbhoom (97), Rungpore (82), and Sarun (77), and the smallest numbers by the District Magistrates of Khulna, Rajshahye and Mozufferpore (2 each), Bankura, Darjeeling and Moorshedabad (3 each), Burdwan and Pooree (4 each), Shahabad (5), Hooghly (6), Purneah (7), Dacca and Midnapore (8 each), Jalpaigoree (9). As in 1884, no original judicial work was done by the District Magistrate of the 24-Pergunnahs.

How far some of these District Magistrates have done a sufficient amount of judicial work with regard to their other duties, it is for the Local Government to determine, but in many instances it was only nominal. That much business remained to be done at the end of the year is shown by the increased pending file.

Cases dealt with under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.

49. As in 1884, 12 cases were decided by the Deputy Commissioners of the districts noted on the margin, in the exercise of the special powers conferred on them by Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Five out of these 12 cases were referred to the Court of Session for confirmation of sentence of imprisonment for a term exceeding three years.

Darjeeling	1
Hazareebagh	1
Lohardugga	1
Manbhoom	2
Singbhoom	7

Average duration of Cases.

50. The following table shows the average duration of cases decided during the past two years by the several classes of Magistrates:—

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	
	1884.	1885.
Special and Honorary Magistrates	3·8	5
Benches of Magistrates	4·4	5·4
Stipendiary Magistrates other than District Magistrates	11·8	12·3
District Magistrates	8·2	9 6
All Magistrates in the interior	9·9	10·6

This general increase in the average duration of trials before each class of Magistrates is very unsatisfactory, especially when it is found that the average in every instance except one, is higher than that of any of the previous years, and the amount of the work before the Magistrates was less than in any of these years except 1882. The average duration of trials before Special and Honorary Magistrates returned as 5 days is exceeded only by the return of 1883 when it was 5·8.

Number of persons under trial. *Table H.*

51. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of the Magistrates in the districts was 177,795* in the past, as compared with 184,530 in the previous year. On the margin details are given showing the manner in which these persons were brought to trial. On a comparison with the corresponding figures for 1884, it will be observed that the smaller number of persons under trial is amongst those arrested by the police or upon warrant; there is no material variation in the number of those appearing on summons or voluntarily.

Under arrest by police	80,416
Upon warrant	10,522
On summons	77,786
Voluntarily	3,175

Total number of persons tried, and with what results.

52. Omitting persons entered as "committed or referred" and persons who died, escaped, or were transferred, the total number of persons whose cases were decided during the past year, was 168,616. Of these 104,419 or 61·9

* These figures include remanets from the previous year, and double entries in some cases, *e g*, of persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment, persons transferred from one district to another, &c

per cent. were convicted, and 38·1 were acquitted or discharged. The most striking variations in the percentages of convictions in various districts are shown in the following table :—

	Percentage convicted.		Percentage convicted.
Darjeeling	77·3	Bogra	50·3
Howrah	74·6	Pubna	52·6
24-Pergunnahs	71·7	Jessore	52·8
Backergunge	69·3	Midnapore	53·2
Singbhoom	68·8	Purneah	54·1
Patna	67·5	Rungpore	54·4
Dinagepore	67·	Bankura	54·6

The general result of trials before the Magistrates of each class is given below :—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Special Magistrates	80	106	56·9
Honorary "	817	1,317	61·7
Stipendiary "	52,466	79,329	60·1
Benches of "	10,324	22,100	68·1
District "	510	1,558	75·3

A comparison with the corresponding figures for 1884, shows that the proportion of convictions was lower in 1885 in the Courts of Magistrates of all classes except District Magistrates, and especially in the Courts of Honorary Magistrates.

53. The mode of trial and the nature of the sentences passed in the case of persons convicted, are shown in the following table :— Trial, regular, summary; sentences appealable, non-appealable.

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Sentence appealable	40,214	6,588
" not appealable	31,468	26,140

The number of persons convicted on summary trial by the various classes of tribunal is thus returned :—

Honorary Magistrates	29
Stipendiary "	17,716
Benches of "	14,264
District "	719
TOTAL	32,728

54. Excluding lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial before Magistrates at the close of 1885 was 5,717 as compared with 5,534 at the close of 1884. Details of persons awaiting trial. *Table I.*

Details are given on the margin showing the manner in which the attendance of the persons awaiting trial at the close of 1885, was secured. Excluding the cases of lunatics, the duration of the pending trials is thus shown :—

In custody	718
On bail	4,137
" recognizance	779
Otherwise	83

More than 3 months	56
" 2 "	164
" 1 month	743
Not exceeding 1 month	4,754

These figures compare not unfavourably with the corresponding figures for 1884. The districts in which the 56 persons shown above as under trial for more than three months are Durbhanga (9), Monghyr and Gya (8 in each), Moorshedabad (7), Midnapore and Patna (6 in each), Cuttack, Pooree, Pubna and 24-Per-

gunnahs (2 in each), and Backergunge, Balasore, Sarun and Shahabad (1 in each).

As in previous years, the explanations submitted by Magistrates regarding such delays have been periodically considered by the High Court, and the necessary orders have been communicated to the officers concerned. Taken as a whole the state of the files thus shown is not satisfactory.

Number of witnesses examined. *Table J.*

55. The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Magistrates in the districts was 410,602 in the past, as compared with 410,955 in the previous year. The districts in which the greatest variations in the figures for the past two years occur, are given below :—

	1884.	1885.	Increase.		1884.	1885.	Decrease.
Lohardugga	6,097	8,406	2,309	Dacca .	17,271	14,593	2,678
Dinagepore .	5,534	7,632	2,098	Nuddea .	13,850	11,719	2,131
Mymensingh .	18,818	20,779	1,961	Howrah .	10,900	8,782	2,118
Cuttack .	8,136	10,031	1,895	Pooree .	8,501	6,949	1,552
Sarun .	10,466	12,298	1,832	Hooghly .	16,022	14,497	1,525
24-Pergunnahs	28,180	29,764	1,584	Furreedpore .	10,295	9,272	1,023
Hazareebagh .	6,666	7,593	927	Maldah .	4,650	3,690	960
Mozufferpore .	6,607	7,501	894	Purneah .	7,163	6,301	862
Noakhally .	6,300	7,123	823	Backergunge	15,527	14,677	850
Rungpore .	10,341	11,061	720	Jessore .	13,880	13,108	772
Moorshedabad	12,008	12,724	716				

Diet-money.

56. The amount paid to witnesses on account of their expenses was R15,470 during the year under review, as compared with 22,052 in the previous year. A decrease is reported from all but nine districts in the Province, and is most marked in the following districts :—

	1884.	1885.	Decrease.
Midnapore	2,782	1,405	1,377
Rungpore	1,079	404	675
Nuddea	999	388	611
Jessore	943	436	507
Monghyr	763	327	436
Backergunge	677	295	382
Bhaugulpore	825	505	320

The increase in the amount of expenses paid to witnesses is conspicuous in only two out of the nine districts above mentioned, *viz.* :—

	1884.	1885.	Increase.
	R	R	R
Rajshahye	493	739	246
Burdwan	1,168	1,413	245

Detention of witnesses. *Table K*

57. The number of days during which witnesses were kept in attendance in the Magistrates' Courts before they were discharged, is given in the margin, and compares very unfavourably with the results of the previous year. This result is particularly unfavourable when it is borne in mind that the number of Magistrates employed was considerably larger than in 1884, that the number of cases tried was smaller, and that this deficiency exists in warrant cases in which from their nature the trial is ordinarily most prolonged. The largest number of witnesses was detained for more than three days in the districts of Backergunge (773), Monghyr (562), Dacca (434), Nuddea (395), Tipperah (339), Midnapore (325), Pooree (281), Cuttack (272), Pubna (233), and Moorshedabad (224). No witnesses were detained for more than three days in the Courts of Magistrates in Beerbhoom, Bogra, Rajshahye, and Maldah.

Discharged on the 1st day . . .	417,573
" " 2nd day . .	78,352
" " 3rd day . .	19,971
" after the 3rd day . .	5,848

The explanations offered of the cause of these detentions have been considered by the High Court and generally are by no means satisfactory. There is much reason to believe that the District Magistrates do not sufficiently super-

vise the proceedings of their subordinates in this respect or properly appreciate the consequences of the hardship thus imposed on persons attending as witnesses in the Criminal Courts on the administration of justice. It too often happens that witnesses are detained and the trial of criminal cases is postponed for the performance of miscellaneous duties of an executive character, which might have been foreseen, so as to enable other arrangements to be made even if they could not be postponed for a short time. The High Court have no means of dealing with such a matter, but they have taken every opportunity of impressing upon Magistrates the great importance of a punctual and regular discharge of their judicial duties. As this matter is of great importance it will be again adverted to in the summary of the general administration of the year.

VII.—PUNISHMENTS.

58. In trials held by the High Court in its Original Criminal Jurisdiction, three persons were sentenced to death, two were sentenced to transportation for life and one for a term; one person was sentenced to penal servitude, 23 to rigorous imprisonment and one to simple imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months. Of 23 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, 2 were sentenced for terms exceeding 7 years, 14 for terms varying from 2 to 7 years, 3 for terms varying from 6 months to 2 years, and the remaining 4 for terms not exceeding 6 months. High Court. *Statement 5.*

One of the persons sentenced to imprisonment was also sentenced to pay a fine of R2,000, no portion of which was realized during the year. No fines were imposed or realized during 1884.

59. The following sentences were passed by the Courts of Sessions during the past two years:— Courts of Sessions.

		1884.	1885.
Death		43	49
Transportation	for life	101	99
	for a term	23	82
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,311	1,293
	simple	16	24
Forfeiture of property		...	...
Fine		56	122
Whipping		28	17

Of those sentenced to fine, 107, and of those sentenced to be whipped, 11, were also sentenced to some additional punishment. Of the 1,293 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, the sentence of one included a term of solitary confinement, and 37 were sentenced to imprisonment on failure to furnish security for good behaviour.

Sentences of imprisonment were passed for the following terms:—

	1884.	1885.
Not exceeding 15 days	17	12
" six months	164	168
" two years	339	363
" seven years	745	713
Above seven years	62	61

In addition to these persons, 5 were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, one for a term not exceeding 6 months, and the remaining 4 for terms varying from 2 years to 7 years, in cases tried by District Magistrates, under the special powers described in Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in one instance a fine being inflicted in addition. In cases referred to the Sessions Judge of Burdwan for confirmation of sentences passed by the Assistant Sessions Judge of Bankura, 9 persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for terms varying from 2 to 7 years.

60. The fines imposed by Sessions and Assistant Sessions Judges amounted to R13,534 in the past, as compared with R5,460 in the previous year. The Sentences of fine by Courts of Sessions.

amount of fines unrealized in previous years and fines imposed during the past year which were realized during its course was R3,802, as compared with R4,989 realized in 1884. The amount of fines realized and paid away as compensation was R182 in 1885, compared with R174 paid away in 1884.

Presidency Magistrates.

61. The following statement shows the punishments imposed by Presidency Magistrates during each of the past two years :—

		1884.	1885.
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,660	1,360
	simple	32	51
Fine		35,927	29,685
Whipping		19	84

Besides 1,411 persons thus shown as sentenced to imprisonment, 4 persons were sentenced to rigorous, and one person to simple imprisonment for terms not exceeding one year on failure to furnish security for good behaviour.

In addition to the persons sentenced as just stated, 2,989 persons were warned and discharged, 261 persons were ordered to pay hackney carriage fare, 73 seamen were sentenced to forfeit their wages, 18 deserters were made over to the Military Authorities, 22 vagrants were sent to the Government workhouse, 183 persons were ordered to have their children vaccinated, 77 workmen were required to fulfil their contracts, three women were directed to discontinue the keeping of brothels, and one person was prosecuted for an infringement of the Salt Excise Act VII (B. C.) of 1864.

Details of sentences.

62. The details of the sentences of imprisonment passed are thus classified :—

	1884.	1885.
Not exceeding 15 days	278	261
" 6 months	1,250	934
" 2 years	164	219
Exceeding 2 years	...	2

63. The total amount of fines imposed was R73,911, as compared with R77,966 in the previous year, the amount realized being R68,416, as compared with R71,886.

64. The sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years may be thus described :—

	1884.	1885.
10 stripes and under	58	58
20 " "	33	25
30 " "	...	1

Sentences by Magistrates' Courts in the Districts.

65. The following statement shows the sentences passed by Magistrates in the districts outside of Calcutta during the past two years :—

		1884.	1885.
Fine	with imprisonment	4,149	4,186
	without "	75,619	71,240
Whipping	sole punishment	1,432	1,496
	additional "	128	161
Imprisonment	rigorous	24,596	24,235
	simple	820	823
Forfeiture of property		2	2

The most striking variation is in sentences of simple fine which has decreased by nearly 12 per cent. in the last four years in spite of the smaller number of cases under trial. The number of sentences of whipping has increased beyond the number returned for 1884, which was considerably in excess of the number returned for the two previous years. Of the 24,235 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, the sentences of 29 included a term of solitary confinement, and 633 were imprisoned on failing to furnish security for good behaviour. It is also worthy of observation that sentences

of rigorous imprisonment were more numerous during 1884 and 1885 than in any of the four years immediately preceding.

Besides the sentences above described, 162 workmen were required to fulfil their contracts, 5 vagrants were sent to the Government work-house, 6,951 persons were required to find sureties or to give recognizances to keep the peace (722 of this number having been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace) and 725 were required to give sureties for good behaviour, 633 of whom, as stated above, were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment on default.

66. The sentences of imprisonment passed during 1884 and 1885 respectively may be thus classified:— Detail of sentences of imprisonment.

	1884.	1885.
Not exceeding 15 days	5,420	5,424
" " 6 months	15,413	15,166
" " 2 years	4,475	4,436
Exceeding 2 years	108	32

67. The sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years may be thus described:— Whipping.

	1884.	1885.
10 stripes and less	666	692
20 " "	688	745
30 " "	206	220

68. The total number of persons sentenced to whipping by all the Criminal Courts in the Province was 1,758 in the past, as compared with 1,679 in the previous year, the percentage of whippings to other punishments being 1·2 in 1885 and 1·1 in 1884 as against ·081 in 1883 and 1·08 in 1882. Detail of sentences of whipping. *Table L 1.*

The number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable under the provisions of Act VI of 1864 to a sentence of whipping either as the sole or an additional punishment was 27,094 in the past, as compared with 27,123 in the previous year. The proportion actually punished with whipping was 6·48 per cent. in the past year, as compared with 6·19 per cent. in 1884, 4·76 per cent. in 1883, and 6·22 per cent. in 1882. The proportion in this respect varied from 18·16 per cent. in Bhaugulpore to ·79 per cent. in Hooghly.

69. The total amount of fines imposed and realized, and the amount paid by way of compensation, during each of the past two years, are thus returned:— Fines. *Table L.*

	Imposed.	Realised.	Paid as compensation.
	R	R	R
1884	5,86,227	5,20,108	36,360
1885	5,85,343	5,22,919	35,715

70. Fifty-nine juveniles were sentenced to detention in a Reformatory School during the year under review, as against 100 in 1884 and 44 in 1883. These sentences were passed in only 20 districts including Calcutta, the largest numbers being reported from Monghyr (7), Rajshahye and Calcutta (6 in each), and Shahabad (5). Fifty-one juveniles were so sentenced by Magistrates in the interior, 6 by the Presidency Magistrates, and 2 by the Sessions Judges of Rajshahye and Sarun respectively. Reformatory School Act. *Statement 5.*

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VIII.—THE HIGH COURT.

71. The following table shows the number of appeals from the sentences or orders of the Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, instituted and Appeals from sentences or orders. *Table P.*

decided in the High Court during each of the years 1883, 1884 and 1885, as also the number pending at the close of each of those years :—

	1883.	1884.	1885.
Instituted	691	697	845
Decided	681	709	862
Pending	62	50	32

The large increase in the number of appeals to the High Court is remarkable as there was no material variation during the previous three years, and the number of appeals preferred during 1885 is much in excess of those of any of the years preceding. The number of persons convicted in the Courts of Session during 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885 was 1,626, 1,696, 1,475, 1,484, and 1,540 respectively, and with very rare exceptions all the sentences passed were appealable.

Of the appeals preferred during the year, one was by a person sentenced by the Recorder of Rangoon, and another by 2 persons sentenced by the Sessions Judge and Chief Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The former remained undecided at the close of the year, while in the latter the conviction and sentence were upheld.

Appeals from judgments of acquittal.

72. No appeal against a judgment of acquittal was preferred by the Local Government during the year under review.

Appeals from persons convicted.

73. The number of appeals preferred against the sentences of Presidency Magistrates was 64 in the past, as compared with only 12 in the previous year. Of those heard during 1885, in 60 the orders were confirmed, in 2 they were reversed or modified, and 2 remained undecided at the close of the year. Four appeals were preferred against the orders of the Sessions Judge of Chota Nagpore, confirming the sentences passed by the District Magistrates of Lohardugga, Singbhoom, and Manbhoom in exercise of the special powers described in Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Three of these appeals were heard and dismissed. Excluding these appeals, and the appeals against the orders of the Recorder of Rangoon, and the Sessions Judge and Chief Commissioner of the Andamans, 775 appeals were preferred from the sentences of the ordinary Sessions Courts during the year; 796 appeals were decided with the results noted in the margin, one was struck off in consequence of the death of the appellant, and 28 remained pending at the close of the year.

Affirmed	626
Reversed	63
Varied	101
Remanded	4
Otherwise	2

The following statement shows the result of all appeals as affecting the cases decided during each of the past three years :—

	1883.	1884	1885.
Affirmed	569	585	690
Reversed	40	51	64
Varied	66	68	102
Remanded	4	3	4
Otherwise	2	2	2

Result of appeals as affecting persons.

74. The following statement gives the result of appeals during the past two years with regard to the number of appellants concerned :—

	1884.	1885.
Appeals rejected	687	765
Sentence confirmed	227	336
„ enhanced	1*	1
„ reduced or altered	84	134
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	96	134
New trial or further enquiry ordered	8	8

* This sentence was enhanced under the provisions of Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in the exercise of the Court's power of revision.

The appeals of 55·5 per cent. of the appellants were rejected in the past year, as compared with 62·2 per cent. in 1884, and 65·2 per cent. in 1883. The results of admitted appeals were as follows :—

	Percentage.	
	1884.	1885.
Order of Lower Court affirmed	54·6	54·8
" " " modified	20·1	22
" " " set aside	23·1	21·9
New trial ordered	1·9	1·3

IX.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

75. The number of appeals preferred and decided in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates during the past two years, and the number pending at the close of each of these years, respectively, were as follows :— Number of appeals filed, decided, and pending. *Table M.*

	Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Sessions Judges . .	5,087	5,808	5,142	5,720	155	242
District Magistrates . .	2,655	2,939	2,653	2,985	144	98

The number of appeals both to Sessions Judges and District Magistrates has considerably and gradually increased :—

	Appeals to Sessions Judges.	To District Magistrates.	Appealable cases.
1878	2,976	1,940	48,052
1879	2,865	1,926	46,761
1880	3,275	1,903	54,108
1881	3,397	1,991	47,312
1882	3,617	1,945	49,036
1883	4,453	2,339	45,139
1884	5,087	2,655	46,294
1885	5,808	2,939	47,032

The return for 1883, it will be observed, is much in excess of those of previous years, and the increase thus obtained has steadily advanced. The returns for these three years are the more striking in contrast with those of former years, when it is found that the number of appealable cases is much smaller. These results must be attributed to the present Code of Criminal Procedure which came into operation on 1st June 1883, and restored the law in force before the Code of 1872, by depriving these Courts of appeal of the power to enhance the sentences passed by the Courts of first instance wherever they appeared to be inadequate. If the proportion of appeals rejected or dismissed during the three last years, as contrasted with the three years immediately preceding, be taken into consideration, it will be seen that in Courts of Session the percentage has increased from 62 to 69, and in the Courts of District Magistrates from 61 to 63. The result has been a considerable increase to the work in these Courts.

76. In respect to the Courts of Session as Courts of appeal, the increase was most marked in the following districts :—

	1884.	1885.	Increase.
Mymensingh	275	431	156
Nuddea	122	217	95
Shahabad	166	251	85
Noakhally	44	116	72
Mozufferpore	81	151	70
Furreedpore	130	193	63
Jalpaigoree	35	94	59
Manbhoom	18	71	53
Dinagepore	67	119	52

The number of such appeals has decreased in 14 districts amongst which the returns of the following are most conspicuous :—

	1884.	1885.	Decrease.
Dacca	385	280	105
Midnapore	212	144	68
Jessore	189	122	67
Tipperah	191	132	59

In addition to the general and principal cause already mentioned, *viz.*, the change of the law by the Code of 1882, there are other causes which in a minor degree operate to effect these results, so that it is very difficult to ascertain the exact cause of any of the fluctuations exhibited. They are principally due to a variation in the number of appealable sentences, arising partly from an actual increase in the number of cases resulting in conviction, and also partly from a variation in the number of Magistrates in particular districts who exercise powers of the first class so as to be subject to the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Courts of Session.

77. The increase in the number of appeals preferred in Magistrates' Courts was contributed by nearly two-thirds of the districts in the Province and was most marked in the following districts :—

	1884	1885.	Increase.
Lohardugga	50	138	88
Sarun	110	196	86
Tipperah	27	93	66
Hooghly	21	75	54
Chittagong	61	109	48
Moorshedabad	86	129	43

It should be observed that none of these districts appear in the similar statement given for the Courts of Session, which seems *primâ facie* to indicate that the number of Magistrates in these districts who exercised lesser powers was smaller than in 1884, so as to throw appeals on the Courts of District Magistrates instead of on Sessions Courts.

A decrease in the number of appeals preferred in Magistrates' Courts occurred chiefly in the following 5 out of the 17 districts from which a decrease is reported :—

	1884	1885.	Decrease.
Bogra	129	51	78
Mymensingh	211	161	50
Backergunge	112	64	48
Noakhally	148	101	47
Maldah	143	97	46

It may be observed that 2 of these 5 districts (Mymensingh and Noakhally) are conspicuous amongst those mentioned as having returned a large increase in the number of appeals preferred to the Courts of Session.

In the remaining 12 districts the decrease was nominal.

Results of appeals as affecting persons. *Statement 6.*

78. The results with regard to the appellants in the Courts of Session and in Magistrates' Courts during the past two years are separately shown in the following table :—

	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1884	1885	1884	1885
Appeals rejected	1,977	2,151	351	413
Sentences confirmed	3,530	3,865	2,431	2,605
„ enhanced	...	...	...	...
„ reduced or altered	738	840	532	605
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	1,717	1,719	974	1,206
New trial or further enquiry ordered	27	63	64	68
Otherwise disposed of	3	1	11	2

The appeals of 24·9 per cent. of the appellants in the Courts of Session were rejected in the past, as compared with 24·7 per cent. in the previous year. In the Courts of Magistrates the proportion was 8·4 per cent. in 1885, as compared with 8 per cent. in 1884.

The results of admitted appeals were as follows:—

	Percentage.			
	Courts of Session		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1884	1885.	1884.	1885
Order of Lower Court affirmed . .	58 69	59 57	60·59	58 07
" " " modified . .	12 27	12 95	13·26	13·48
" " " set aside . .	28·54	26·49	24·28	26 88
New trial ordered	·45	·97	1·59	1·52
Otherwise disposed of . . .	·05	·02	·28	·05

79. The number of persons who preferred appeals to these Appellate Courts was 13,609 in the year under report, as compared with 12,212 in 1884. Number of appellants. *Table O.*

80. The proportion of persons who had a right to appeal and exercised that right was 29·07 per cent. in the past, as compared with 26·4 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio was highest in Howrah (71·1 per cent.), Chumparun (66·6 per cent.), Cuttack (58·9 per cent.), Chittagong (52·1 per cent.), and Furreedpore (50·7 per cent.), and lowest in Hazareebagh (9·1 per cent.), Darjeeling (10·3 per cent.), Burdwan (12·3 per cent.), Pooree (14·1 per cent.), and Dinagepore (14·8 per cent.). Ratio of appellants to persons having the right of appeal.

The decisions of the Lower Court were affirmed in the appeals of 9,034 persons or 71·1 per cent. of those whose appeals were decided in the past year. The proportion for 1884 was 67 per cent., for 1883 65·4 per cent., and for 1882 61·4 per cent.

81. The proportion of unsuccessful appellants was greatest in Chumparun (88·4 per cent.), Jessore (84·2 per cent.), Hazareebagh (83·3 per cent.), and Manbhoom (80·2 per cent.), while in 13 districts the proportion varied from 70·1 to 77 7 per cent. The districts where the appellants met with the greatest success were Midnapore (where only 50·8 per cent. of the decisions were affirmed), Dinagepore (53·4 per cent.), and Burdwan (54·9 per cent.). Appellants who were unsuccessful.

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

X.—THE HIGH COURT.

82. The following table shews the number of cases referred from the districts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal to the High Court during the past year:—

	Pending from 1884.	Filed in 1885.	Decided in 1885.	Pending in 1885.
References under Section 307, Act X of 1882 .	2	26	25	3
" " " 374 " " .	5	42	43	4
" " " 432 " " .	...	3	2	1

The cases of two persons, who, though not insane, could not be made to understand the proceedings, were referred under Section 341 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Both these cases were disposed of during the year, with the result that in one case the Court approved of the finding of the Lower Court, while in the second case the Court declined to entertain the reference as it appeared that the accused was of sound mind and capable of speaking. As the only reason for making this reference was that the accused persistently withheld answering the question put to him by the Lower Court, the Court held that Section 341 of the Code did not apply.

Result of references under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.

83. Of the 28 cases referred under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which were before the High Court during 1885, 25 were heard and determined with the result that in 18 the verdict of the jury was reversed, in 4 it was affirmed, and in the remaining 3 re-trial was ordered. The following statement shows the result of such references in the three preceding years :—

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
Heard and determined	16*	16	27	25
Verdict set aside	6	12	15	18
„ accepted	9	3	12	4
New trial ordered	...	1	...	3

In one case the High Court disagreed with both the Sessions Judge and Jury.

Cases dealt with in revision under Sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

84. The following statement shows the number of cases relating to the Lower Provinces of Bengal with which the High Court dealt during the past year under its powers of revision :—

	Remaining over from 1884.	Filed in 1885	Decided in 1885.	Pending at the close of 1885.
Cases referred under Section 438 .	6	242	234	14
Cases dealt with under Section 435 .	12	453	440	25
TOTAL .	18	695	674	39

Of the cases taken up by the High Court under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 418 were cases from Magistrates' Courts, and 35 were cases from Sessions Courts.

Results of revision as affecting cases.

85. The following statement shows the result of these proceedings in revision :—

Courts whose orders were the subject of revision.	Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
Courts of Session	10	10	5	2	8	35
District Magistrates . . .	28	14	3	3	...	48
Other Magistrates	309	192	37	47	6	591
TOTAL .	347	216	45	52	14	674

In 51·4 per cent. the High Court refused to interfere, while the orders of the Lower Courts were set aside in 32 per cent.

86. The action of the High Court as a Court of Revision in cases referred under Section 438, or directly when moved by the parties concerned under Section 435, will appear from the following statements :—

Cases referred to the High Court under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and dealt with during 1885.

OFFICER MAKING THE REFERENCE.	Cases in which the High Court declined to interfere.	CASES IN WHICH THE HIGH COURT INTERFERED				TOTAL.	Percentage of cases decided in which the High Court declined to interfere.
		By enhancing the sentence.	By reducing or altering the sentence.	By setting aside the order sent up for revision	By directing a new trial.		
District Magistrates	19	1	11	18	6	55	34·5
Sessions Judges	44	1	11	96	27	179	24·5
TOTAL .	63	2	22	114	33	234	26·9

Cases dealt with by the High Court on motion under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure during 1885.

Class of Officers whose orders were objected to	Cases in which the Court rejected the application.	Cases in which rules were granted by the High Court: And finally discharged	And made absolute: In its entirety	And made absolute: To the extent of: Modifying the order complained of	And made absolute: To the extent of: Directing a new trial	And dealt with otherwise than shewn in preceding columns	Total	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Magistrates . . .	203	72	92	17	17	6*	407	*Percentage of the total number of cases decided in which the High Court declined to interfere or did not do so.* Per cent. Orders of Magistrates, columns 2, 3 and 7 (203+72+6)=281 out of 407 . . . =69.
Sessions Judges . .	5	4	10	4	2	...	25†	Orders of Sessions Judges, columns 2 and 3 (5+4)=9 out of 25 . . . =36
Total .	208	76	102	21	19	6	432	

* These cases were either compromised or withdrawn, or were cases in which the Court finally declined to pass any orders

† Besides these, 8 cases were called for by the Court on review of Sessions Statements. In none of these, however, did the Court interfere with the orders of the Sessions Judge.

It will thus be seen the High Court refused to interfere in 26·9 per cent. of the cases referred, the larger proportion of these orders being passed in cases referred by District Magistrates; and that when moved by the parties, the High Court reversed or otherwise interfered with the orders passed by Magistrates in 31 per cent. of the cases brought to its notice, and only in 16 cases tried by Courts of Session.

87. The following statement shows in detail the result of proceedings on revision as affecting persons during each of the past two years:— Result of revision as affecting persons.

	1884.	1885.
Applications rejected	491	585
Order confirmed	352	302
Sentences enhanced	5	15
„ reduced or altered	71	74
„ reversed or quashed	401	417
New trial or further enquiry ordered	62	105

XI.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

88. The following statement shows the number of applications for revision preferred and disposed of in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates during each of the past two years, as well as the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively:— Number of applications for revision filed, decided, and pending.

	Preferred. 1884.	Preferred. 1885.	Decided. 1884.	Decided. 1885.	Pending. 1884.	Pending. 1885.
Courts of Session .	1,342	1,485	1,335	1,470	50	65
District Magistrates .	914	1,028	922	1,045	47	25
Total .	2,556	2,513	2,257	2,515	97	90

There was a considerable increase in the number of applications made to the Sessions Courts of Burdwan and Cuttack, while in the Sessions Courts of Purneah and the 24-Pergunnahs there was a marked decrease, as compared with the increase reported last year. In Magistrates' Courts there was a noticeable

increase in the number of applications made in the Districts of Purneah, Tipperah, and the 24-Pergunnahs. The number of applications for revision made to the Courts of Session at Bhaugulpore and Monghyr was 56 in the past, as against 38 in the previous year, and in connection with this subject the Sessions Judge reports that these applications are becoming more frequent every day; and that on an average they are more troublesome, and require a greater sacrifice of time on the part of the Superior Court than appeals. In the Court of Session of Midnapore, the number of such applications was below the average of the three preceding years (58 against 68 cases), but this result, the Sessions Judge reports, was partly due to the exclusion of applications under Section 498 of the Code of Criminal Procedure from the returns of the past year.

Number of applicants for revision. *Table O.*

89. Including accused persons against whom applications were made, who, as explained in the report for 1884, are now treated in the statements as "applicants for revision" the number of persons who applied for revision to the Courts in the districts was 4,773 in the past, as compared with 4,053 in the previous year.

The applications of 3,369 persons, or 69·5 per cent. of the total number, were either rejected summarily or the orders of the Lower Court were upheld in the cases in which they were concerned. The proportion in 1884 was 64·7 per cent.

XII.—FINANCIAL.

The High Court. *Table S.*

90. In the Report on the Administration of Civil Justice a statement has been given showing the total receipts and charges of the Appellate Side of the High Court. On the Criminal Side the amount of Court-fees realized during the past year was R3,254. An exact account of the charges on that side of the Court cannot be given. Including the salaries of two Judges, and of the officers exclusively employed in this Department, and a share of the salary of those a part of whose time is occupied by the Criminal business of the Court, the charges amounted to R1,32,630 as shown below:—

	R
Salary of Judges	95,000
Salary of Establishment	35,664
Postage of covers, &c.	1,966
TOTAL	1,32,630

	R
Charges	1,32,630
Receipts	3,254
	1,29,376

The net result, as shown in the margin, is that expenditure exceeded income by R1,29,376.

91. The total receipts of the Presidency Magistrates' Courts during the past year amounted to R72,917, and the total charges to R51,954, the net result being a surplus of R20,963 against a surplus of R22,246 obtained in 1884, and R23,173 in 1883.

92. The following statement shows in detail the receipts of the Criminal Courts in the interior:—

	Stamps.		In Cash or special Stamps.		
	Process-fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Miscellaneous.
	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts	1,99,042	2,46,843	5,20,646	62,569	2,03,344
Courts of Session	272	5,047	3,967	5,382	40
TOTAL	1,99,314	2,51,890	5,24,613	67,951	2,03,384

The following are the details of the charges of the Criminal Courts in the districts :— Details of charges.

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.	Establishment.			Contingent.	
		Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed Establishment.	Other contingencies.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts .	11,78,814	98,324	7,846	3,38,999	31,211	2,29,976
Courts of Session .	3,36,710	3,209	972	23,779	2,635	20,110
Total .	15,15,524	1,01,533	8,818	3,62,778	33,846	2,50,086

The amount charged to the Criminal Department on account of the salaries of Judicial Officers has been determined on the principle mentioned in the Reports for the previous years.

93. The following figures show the receipts and charges of the Copying Department of the Criminal Courts :— Copying Department.

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties		67,951
Deduct—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerk . . .	8,818	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	33,846	
		42,664
Surplus .		25,287

Besides the above surplus, "expedition fees" were also realized during the year. These are accounted for under the head "Miscellaneous" receipts. The surplus obtained in 1884 was R23,057, and in 1883 R19,619.

94. The receipts and charges on account of the service of process in the Criminal Courts in Bengal are shown in the margin. The corresponding figures for 1884 showed a deficit of R2,762 in the Courts of Session and a surplus of R94,500 in the Courts of Magistrates, or a net surplus of R91,738. In 1883 there was a net surplus of R90,222. Process Department.

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results + or—
	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts .	1,99,042	98,324	+1,00,718
Courts of Session .	272	3,209	—2,937
	1,99,314	1,01,533	+97,781

95. The following is an abstract of the receipts of all Courts :—

	Charges.	Receipts.	Results + or —
	R	R	R
High Court . . .	1,32,630	3,254	—1,29,376
Presidency Magistrates .	51,954	72,917	+20,963
Courts of Session . .	3,87,415	14,708	—3,72,707
Magistrates' Courts . .	18,85,170	12,32,444	—6,52,726
Total .	24,57,169	13,23,323	—11,33,846

The excess of expenditure over receipts, amounting in the aggregate to R11,33,846, is common to all Courts except those of the Presidency Magistrates, those of Magistrates in the districts of Sarun, Purneah and Maldah, and those of Magistrates in all the Sub-divisions of Mymensingh, except the Sudder-Sub-division.

As stated in previous Reports, charges on account of leave or pension allowances, or expenditure incurred by other departments on account of the Criminal Courts, such as the cost of buildings, stationery, &c., have not been included in the above figures.

SUMMARY.

96. It is now proposed to refer to the principal matters connected with the Administration of Justice in the Criminal Courts which have come prominently before the High Court.

97. It will be observed that there was a smaller amount of business before the Magistrates, that although the number of summons cases remain stationary, warrant cases were less numerous and that the number of Magistrates employed has increased, especially that of Honorary Magistrates. Notwithstanding this, the number of cases awaiting trial at the end of the year was greater, and the witnesses detained were more numerous than in the previous year.

98. The following extracts will serve to illustrate how the criminal business is often done by Magistrates. Commenting on the explanations submitted by a Sub-Divisional Magistrate of a delay of three months in the trial of cases pending on his file, a District Magistrate wrote as follows :—

"The Sub-Divisional Officer has repeatedly represented that he is unable to do justice to criminal cases when he has Government orders to be out 120 days. There are no roads nor any means of taking a Court into camp, and when he is in at the Sub-Division he has very heavy arrears to clear up, especially of Revenue work. In short he has much more than one man can possibly do."

In reply to a resolution of the Court commenting on the explanation submitted by a Deputy Magistrate for frequent postponements of a trial "on account," as was stated, "of treasury and other works," a District Magistrate explained as follows :—

"Throughout the month of March the treasury work was in such a state that the Treasury officer could hardly attend to any other sort of work for more than a short space of time together.

"The reason of this was that the Head Accountant had absconded embezzling large sums of money, and the Treasury officer had not only to carry on the work at the close of the financial year without the Accountant, but he also had to look into accounts and prepare reports of a very urgent kind on the defalcation. I came in from camp in consequence of this, but the district was so short of officers that it was quite out of my power to relieve the Treasury officer of judicial work. I was obliged to tell him that his criminal cases were less important than his Treasury. I can certify that he was constantly in office, working by candle-light after Treasury work was done, endeavouring to get through his file."

To explain a delay of over two months in the disposal of three cases by another officer, the District Magistrate writes :—

"These persons are concerned in three cases. The first case came to the Deputy Magistrate's file on the 3rd August * *. It was put off to the next day. From this day it was adjourned to 12th, 13th and 27th August for want of time. On the 27th complainant was examined and the case was fixed for the next day. On this day six witnesses for prosecution were examined and summonses were issued to other witnesses and the police officer who investigated the case, the date for taking it up being fixed for the 7th September * *. From this day it was put off to 21st, and from 21st to 22nd for want of time. On the 22nd the police officer was examined and the case was adjourned to the next day. This day the case could not be taken up and it was fixed for the following day. On the 24th the rest of the witnesses for prosecution were examined, and the next day was fixed for cross-examination. This day some of the witnesses were cross-examined and the case was postponed to 28th for the cross-examination of the rest. On the 28th, nothing could be done for the treasury work, and it was postponed to the 29th. On the 29th, after the cross-examination was finished, the case was argued and was put off to the next day for framing the charge. This day the pleaders of both the parties prayed to fix the case for some date after the vacation (Dusserah), and 15th October was therefore fixed. On the 15th the pleader for defence having verbally prayed to have this case taken up with the counter case, it was postponed to 22nd. This day the counter case having been fixed for the next day, this case was also fixed for that day. On the 23rd the counter case having been put off to 2nd November, this case was also put off to that day. The accused was on bail all along.

"The second case came up to his file on the 5th August, on which day it was ordered to be taken up on the 21st, and summonses were issued to witnesses for the prosecution for that day. This day nothing could be done for the treasury and other magisterial work, and the case was fixed for the 6th September. On the 6th, complainant applied for postponement; his prayer was granted, and the case was fixed for the 15th. This day it was postponed to the next day for want of time. On the 16th September both the parties having verbally prayed for postponement, and as no time could be spared on account of the treasury and other magisterial work, the case was fixed for the 20th idem. This day the complainant's witnesses were examined, and he having prayed to have summonses issued against his other witnesses, the case was fixed for the 28th September, and the summonses were accordingly issued to them for that day. On the 28th the case was postponed to 2nd October for want of time. On the 2nd the case was postponed to 14th idem for the very same reason. This day the witnesses for prosecution were cross-examined, the accused's statement was taken, and the case was fixed for the 27th October. The 27th October was a holiday, so on the 28th the accused having prayed to issue summonses against his witnesses, the case was fixed for the 5th November, and the witnesses were summoned for that day. The accused was on bail.

"The third case came up to his file on the 25th August, and it was postponed to 27th idem. On the 27th, nothing could be done for the treasury work, and the case was fixed for the 8th September. This day a petition for compounding the case was filed, but as it could not be compounded, the petition was rejected, and the case was postponed to 18th idem. On the 18th it was found that the map required in the case was not sent up, the police was therefore directed to send up the map of the disputed land and of the lands surrounding it, and the case was fixed for the 25th September. This day was devoted to the treasury and other magisterial work, and the case was postponed to 23rd October. On the 23rd, mooktears of both the complainant and the accused having been absent, the case was postponed to 25th October. On the 25th, nothing could be done for the treasury work, and the case was fixed for the 5th November. The accused was on bail.

"This officer is in charge of the treasury, which is of primary importance, and it is a specially heavy one; hence his time for magisterial work is limited."

The following explanation has been furnished by a Deputy Magistrate of the delay in the trial of a case pending before him for three months :—

"The case in which these 3 accused persons were involved has been disposed of on the 2nd instant. It was ready for disposal on the 22nd ultimo, but, owing to the press of excise work, I could not finish writing the judgment till the 2nd instant."

99. If the number of officers employed as Magistrates is insufficient to enable each district to have at least one competent officer sitting uninterruptedly to hold trials, the administration of justice cannot be properly maintained, and it is most desirable that there should be no such interruptions as are repeatedly reported, because the attention of a particular officer may be required for the "Treasury or other miscellaneous business." It is not improbable that in some instances better arrangements might have been made by District Magistrates whose duty, as the superior authority in each district, it is to supervise and watch the state of the business, but, in some instances, such supervision is almost nominal. The following report, made by a District Magistrate, gives, it is hoped, an unusual and somewhat exaggerated statement of the general state of the administration, but it serves to show that in one case, at least, a District Magistrate could not find time to correct glaring abuses in the inferior Courts, because he was occupied in executive matters.

"It has become next to an impossibility for me to pay anything like sufficient attention to the Magisterial department as never less than five-sixths of my time are now occupied in executive matters, chiefly in obedience to distinct orders, so that I have no option in the matter, and with the recent introduction of two new and heavy departments (the new Rent-law and Income-tax) it is obvious that there must be less time than ever for magisterial duties in the future.

"The town * * * * is rapidly developing into a large sea-port and there is much work for the District Magistrate here which is not found in any other district of the Lower Provinces, *e.g.*, supervision of Tea-gardens and imported labour, holding Courts of enquiry into shipping casualties, and as the statement of trials of Europeans will show, there is a large amount of criminal work of a special kind.

"It is unnecessary to bring forward arguments here, but there are many things which show that the present system of making the same staff of officers do the work of the Collectorate and the Magistracy is a decidedly bad one in this district. There should unmistakeably be a separate staff for each of these two branches, if work is to go on as it should.

"I have been out of the office, that is to say, either specially employed or else out in camp, continuously from the middle of October to 1st current, that is, for 5½ months, and I have therefore little personal knowledge of the work of the past year."

Further on he says—

"There is an application to the Judge in most cases when any Magistrate rejects a complaint under Section 203, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the case is taken up; consequently fewer* complaints are now dismissed than formerly.

"The issue of a summons is to the complainant much the same thing as an *ex-parte* decree; when the summons is once issued the complainant's object is gained in a large proportion of cases, and there is no intention of prosecuting. So soon as the defendant gets the summons, the complainant compels him to make terms: the free issue of process by a Magistrate on every complaint is therefore much like keeping a shop for the sale of *ex-parte* orders. If our system of justice were less elaborate and expensive, defendants would not be under this pressure, but at present every defendant knows that a trial means a certainty of two or three journeys backwards and forwards to head-quarters, and every probability of a detention of three or four days, or, what is worse, a number of remands without hearing: so when he is summoned he either gets up a cross case or he makes terms with his adversary."

* This, so far as the preceding year is concerned, is not correct. The figures for the past five years are, however, as follows:—

1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
529	987	745	590	618

100. The next matter that attracts attention is the gradually increasing number of cases reported by the Police to be false, while cases reported are less numerous.

101. It may further be mentioned that the number of cases dismissed on complaint is considerably in excess of those of any of the previous five years; while complaints, which after trial were dismissed as false, have fallen off in number. This latter probably accounts for the smaller number of offences against public justice which were under trial.

102. A general complaint is made of the gradual increase of appellate business before Sessions Judges and District Magistrates, since the repeal by the Code of 1882 of the power to enhance a sentence under appeal. Appeals to the High Court by which this power can still be exercised, have increased only during the past year, and this cannot be attributed to the greater number of appealable sentences.

103. The business before the High Court as a Court of Revision has gradually increased, especially in matters brought before it directly on motion by the parties affected; but, as has already been stated, the High Court interfered with the orders of the Lower Courts in only 31 per cent. of such cases and in 73·1 per cent. of cases referred to it by Sessions Judges and District Magistrates. There has been a similar increase in such business before Sessions Judges and District Magistrates with results in about the same proportion.

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Showing the total number of offences reported, of cases struck off as false, and of true cases in 1884 and 1885.

Description of Offences	Number of offences reported		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed.		Number of other cases struck off as false		Cases returned as true	
	1884	1885	1884	1885	1884.	1885	1884	1885
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of Indian Penal Code	2	4		1	1	1	1	2
Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII	3,333	3,330	344	366	224	160	2,765	2,804
Offences relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X	4,924	4,445	139	120	46	31	4,739	4,294
Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI	3,369	3,121	96	88	39	35	3,234	2,998
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	439	411	2	7	5	1	432	403
Offences affecting the public health, &c, and religion, Chapters XIV and XV	8,604	6,579	42	57	36	23	8,526	6,499
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI	69,491	71,835	11,532	13,128	3,771	3,368	54,188	55,339
Offences against property, Chapter XVII	89,174	88,934	10,553	11,883	6,776	6,243	71,845	70,808
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	7,475	7,296	2,206	2,257	140	174	5,129	4,865
Total Offences under the Penal Code	186,811	185,955	24,914	27,907	11,038	10,036	150,859	148,012
Offences under special laws	84,572	80,077	1,828	1,820	543	581	82,201	77,676
GRAND TOTAL	2,71,383	266,032	26,742	29,727	11,581	10,617	233,060	225,688

A 1.

Showing the total number of cases brought to trial, with the results of trial, in 1884 and 1885.

Description of Offences	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted			
	1884.	1885.	1884	1885	1884	1885	1884.	1885
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	...	2	.	3	.	..	...	
Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,514	2,480	3,474	3,725	6,797	6,915	66 1	64 9
Offences relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X	4,437	4,149	2,396	2,206	4,730	4,340	66 3	66 3
Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI	3,014	2,838	1,840	1,677	1,828	1,652	49 8	49 6
Offences relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII	414	384	187	152	335	292	64 1	65 7
Offences affecting the public health, &c, and religion, Chapters XIV and XV	8,404	6,417	779	668	11,347	9,084	93 5	93 1
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI	26,869	27,523	20,795	20,262	17,586	17,876	45 8	46 8
Offences against property, Chapter XVII	37,489	37,390	25,778	25,046	28,559	28,049	52 5	52 8
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	2,799	2,686	2,659	2,461	1,050	1,034	28 3	29 5
Total Offences under the Penal Code	85,940	83,869	57,908	56,200	72,232	69,242	55 5	55 1
Offences under special laws	70,072	63,712	13,078	13,484	81,228	71,553	86 1	84 1
GRAND TOTAL	156,012	147,581	70,986	69,684	153,460	140,795	68 3	66 8

B.

Giving details of Comparative Table A for each District.

DISTRICTS	Number of offences reported		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.		Number of other cases struck off as false		Cases returned as true.		Percentage of cases accepted as true	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884	1885.	1884	1885	1884	1885
Backergunge	7,513	7,113	1,812	2,046	120	106	5,581	4,961	74 2	69 7
Beerbhoom	3,013	3,035	277	416	119	128	2,617	2,491	86·8	82 07
Bhagulpore	5,021	5,228	240	286	594	592	4,187	4,350	83 3	86·5
Monghyr	6,145	6,276	379	554	330	144	5,436	5,578	88 4	88·8
Burdwan	6,053	6,455	470	534	175	166	5,408	5,755	89·3	89·1
Bankura	2,096	2,357	290	232	185	337	1,621	1,788	77 3	75 8
Chittagong	4,181	4,476	590	618	108	100	3,483	3,758	83 3	83 9
Cuttack	4,588	5,577	987	1,126	93	57	3,508	4,394	76·4	78 7
Pooree	4,467	4,549	468	756	108	62	3,891	3,731	87 1	82 01
Balasore	2,742	2,313	270	443	185	150	2,287	1,720	83 4	74 3
Dacca	9,555	8,493	1,597	1,557	86	236	7,872	6,700	82·3	78·8
Dinagepore	4,750	4,789	561	513	197	102	3,992	4,174	84	87 1
Darjeeling	2,497	2,817	86	79	116	104	2,295	2,634	91 9	93 5
Furreedpore	6,326	5,432	1,000	865	170	100	5,156	4,467	81 5	82·2
Gya	7,685	7,083	189	307	461	518	7,035	6,258	91·5	88 3
Hooghly	8,528	7,699	1,167	1,052	330	299	7,031	6,348	82 4	82 4
Howrah	6,255	5,798	508	501	36	89	5,711	5,208	91·3	89 8
Jessore	6,319	5,990	606	396	235	176	5,478	5,418	86·6	92·1
Khulna	3,548	3,283	892	741	79	162	2,577	2,380	72 6	72 4
Midnapore	8,227	8,427	1,230	1,192	461	457	6,536	6,778	79·4	80 4
Moorshedabad	5,666	5,639	404	400	320	275	4,942	4,964	87 2	88 02
Mymensingh	11,574	11,520	2,108	2,569	446	198	9,020	8,753	77 9	75 9
Noakhally	3,941	4,551	418	377	40	58	3,483	4,121	88 3	90·5
Nuddea	7,745	6,820	614	534	295	122	6,836	6,164	88 2	90 3
Patna	9,244	8,537	350	282	405	424	8,489	7,831	91·8	91·7
Pubna	3,663	3,551	427	531	413	142	2,823	2,878	77	81·04
Bogra	2,610	2,318	97	87	66	54	2,447	2,177	93 7	93 9
Purneah	5,318	4,858	633	825	112	134	4,573	3,894	85·9	80 2
Rajshahye	3,202	3,360	195	228	233	401	2,774	2,731	86 9	81 2
Maldah	2,118	1,764	469	361	461	284	1,188	1,119	56·	62·8
Rungpore	4,254	4,925	768	704	201	109	3,285	4,022	77 2	81 6
Jalpaigoree	1,591	2,030	187	368	119	183	1,285	1,479	80·7	72 8
Sarun	5,980	6,644	522	742	881	1,008	4,577	4,894	76 5	73 6
Chumparun	5,115	4,310	842	415	343	377	3,930	3,518	76 8	81 6
Shahabad	5,457	5,389	623	862	545	371	4,289	4,156	78 5	77 1
Tipperah	7,717	7,451	1,529	2,274	140	150	6,048	5,027	78 3	67 4
Mozufferpore	4,617	4,168	516	539	354	288	3,747	3,341	81·1	80 1
Durbhungah	5,297	4,645	314	540	335	340	4,648	3,765	87 7	81·05
24-Pergunnahs	16,029	16,937	1,150	1,112	776	451	14,103	15,374	87 9	95 9
Hazareebagh	2,760	2,714	299	414	473	462	1,988	1,838	72·	67 7
Lohardugga	2,852	3,858	284	619	103	376	2,465	2,863	86 4	74 2
Manbhum	2,453	2,556	346	716	158	158	1,949	1,682	79 4	65 8
Singbhum	460	476	28	14	8	4	424	458	92 1	96 8
TOTAL	229,172	226,206	26,742	29,727	11,415	10,539	191,015	185,940	83 3	82 1
Calcutta	42,211	39,826			166	78	42,045	39,748	99 6	99 8
GRAND TOTAL	271,383	266,032	26,742	29 727	11,581	10,617	233,060	225,688	85 8	84 8

B 1.

Giving details of Comparative Table A 1 for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Backergunge	3,877	3,294	2,823	2,470	6,619	5,578	70·1	69·3
Beerbhoom	1,487	1,459	770	828	1,285	1,224	62·5	60·8
Bhagulpore	2,422	2,293	1,312	1,250	2,110	2,040	61 6	62·
Monghyr	3,261	3,129	2,346	2,289	2,934	2,788	55·5	54·9
Burdwan	3,637	4,049	1,832	1,958	3,145	3,612	63·2	64·8
Bankura	1,146	1,134	720	757	917	897	56·	54·2
Chittagong	1,823	2,204	1,001	1,014	1,506	1,836	60·	64·4
Cuttack	2,123	2,840	1,301	1,561	1,939	2,430	59·8	60·8
Pooree	2,689	2,476	1,863	1,676	2,611	2,287	58·3	57·7
Balasore	1,544	1,207	755	711	1,455	1,069	65·8	60·
Dacca	4,563	3,853	2,203	2,028	4,240	3,313	65·8	62·
Dinagepore	2,872	2,932	1,110	1,230	2,470	2,417	68·9	66·4
Darjeeling	1,767	1,972	463	567	1,711	1,953	78·7	77·5
Furreedpore	2,526	2,418	1,762	1,398	2,565	2,299	59·2	62·1
Gya	3,464	2,964	1,595	1,674	3,013	2,425	65·3	59·1
Hooghly	5,259	4,318	2,323	2,376	4,074	3,471	63·7	59·3
Howrah	5,033	4,158	1,737	1,341	4,458	3,946	71·9	74·6
Jessore	3,122	3,190	2,448	2,194	2,651	2,472	51·9	52·9
Khulna	1,908	1,535	1,156	1,129	1,758	1,436	60·3	55·9
Midnapore	4,274	4,488	2,833	2,957	3,392	3,382	54·4	53·4
Moorshedabad	3,429	3,323	1,903	1,790	2,848	2,788	59 9	60·8
Mymensingh	4,356	4,666	3,137	2,727	3,387	4,016	51·9	59·5
Noakhally	1,548	1,740	949	939	1,281	1,351	57·4	58·9
Nuddea	3,743	3,274	2,327	2,017	3,213	3,081	57·9	60·4
Patna	6,554	5,362	2,511	2,155	6,110	5,418	70·8	71·5
Pubna	1,707	1,666	1,133	1,534	1,634	1,671	53·2	52·1
Bogra	1,508	1,370	1,050	937	1,272	961	54·7	50·6
Purneah	2,040	1,674	1,227	1,040	1,689	1,253	57·9	54·6
Rajshahye	1,726	1,870	1,137	1,248	1,557	1,913	57·7	60·5
Maldah	1,186	1,119	684	617	1,131	876	62·3	58·3
Rungpore	2,047	2,375	1,379	1,489	1,666	1,785	54·7	54·4
Julpigoree	1,015	1,034	637	563	784	837	55·1	59·7
Sarun	3,225	3,802	2,166	2,587	2,535	3,279	53·9	55·9
Chumparun	2,064	1,829	926	945	1,707	1,304	64·8	57·9
Shahabad	2,900	2,939	1,685	1,831	2,605	2,425	60·7	56·9
Tipperah	3,061	2,489	1,722	1,637	2,947	2,411	63·1	59·5
Mozufferpore	2,519	2,465	1,471	1,428	2,031	2,028	57·9	58·6
Durbhungah	2,501	2,414	1,365	1,274	2,354	2,257	67·6	63·9
24-Pergunnahs	10,732	10,914	4,056	4,070	10,049	10,240	71·2	71·5
Hazareebagh	1,555	1,627	864	828	1,710	1,580	66·4	65·6
Lohardugga	1,800	2,338	1,011	1,359	1,900	2,145	65·2	61·2
Manbhoom	1,269	1,141	860	861	1,302	1,174	60·2	57·6
Singbhoom	281	296	90	153	268	343	74·8	69·1
TOTAL	121,563	118,140	66,943	65,427	111,333	106,011	62·4	59·4
Calcutta	34,449	29,441	4,043	4,257	42,127	34,784	91·2	89·09
GRAND TOTAL	156,012	147,581	70,986	69,684	153,460	140,795	68·3	66·8

C.

Showing the number of offences of each class returned as true in 1884 and 1885.

DISTRICTS	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by, or relating to, public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884	1885.	1884.	1885	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Backergunge	...	...	88	136	181	147	134	120	40	18	32	28	1,630	1,678	1,327	1,128	242	219	3,674	3,474	1,907	1,487	5,581	4,961
Beerbhoom	...	...	8	15	29	32	35	45	4	3	29	30	898	840	994	988	63	81	2,008	2,043	609	448	2,617	2,491
Bhagulpore	...	..	27	39	97	78	68	67	4	11	53	42	833	1,001	1,955	2,063	28	25	3,065	3 346	1,122	1,004	4,187	4,350
Monghyr	...	...	32	53	166	89	134	98	10	14	34	46	1,010	953	2,241	2,892	98	62	3,725	4,007	1,711	1,571	5,436	5,578
Burdwan	...	...	46	48	98	117	53	84	4	8	33	40	1,719	1,795	1,513	1,460	136	121	3,602	3,673	1,906	2,082	5,408	5,755
Bancoora		...	58	57	70	74	27	34	8	3	64	13	480	581	667	734	20	34	1,414	1,530	207	258	1,621	1,788
Chittagong	...	...	58	75	54	68	27	35	1	22	29	22	1,417	1,372	945	1,041	91	107	2,622	2,762	861	996	3,483	3,758
Cuttack	...	1	34	39	74	119	73	57	13	10	25	31	1,124	1,424	1,391	1,453	77	108	2,811	3,242	697	1,152	3,508	4,394
Pooree	...		22	35	73	18	101	44	5	19	63	42	837	928	1,715	1,671	106	101	2,922	2,858	969	873	3,891	3,731
Balasore	...	...	18	19	66	68	29	40	13	9	37	7	511	513	1,012	681	52	41	1,738	1,378	549	342	2,287	1,720
Dacca	.	...	163	168	166	170	169	134	11	9	98	74	3,117	2,752	1,719	1,646	199	177	5,642	5,140	2,230	1,560	7,872	6,700
Dinagepore	..	..	18	29	156	116	54	38	6	13	15	48	704	669	1,459	1,723	48	64	2,460	2,700	1,532	1,474	3,992	4,174
Darjeeling	...	...	9	7	10	6	24	22	6	4	68	11	201	218	854	1,049	45	58	1,217	1,375	1,078	1,259	2,295	2,634
Furreedpore	.	..	123	150	349	177	94	50	9	4	111	49	1,827	1,696	1,637	1,513	152	63	4,302	3,693	854	774	5,156	4,467
Gya	1	.	43	57	242	101	67	71	3	6	18	24	986	784	4,055	3,943	59	71	5,474	5,057	1,561	1,201	7,035	6 258
Hooghly	.	..	46	55	117	109	59	63	13	6	40	27	1,981	2,379	1,779	1,661	175	143	4,209	4,443	2,822	1,905	7,031	6,348
Howrah	...		17	22	42	33	32	43	8	8	19	15	1,204	1,280	837	984	130	68	2,289	2,440	3,422	2,769	5,711	[illegible]
Jessore	...	...	147	135	207	190	109	60	6	4	60	86	2,070	1,710	2,042	2,168	213	167	4,854	4,520	824	898	5,678	5,418
Khoolna	...	.	107	82	72	83	66	48	5	3	26	24	708	878	857	833	27	55	1,868	2,056	709	324	2,577	2,380
Midnapore	...	...	61	86	217	306	160	146	29	26	119	103	2,251	2,479	2,170	2,016	233	254	5,240	5,416	1,296	1,362	6,536	6,778
Moorshedabad	...	...	53	55	81	60	96	37	4	5	54	68	1,316	1,090	1,751	2,263	170	121	3,525	3,699	1,417	1,265	4,942	4,964
Mymensingh	...	..	233	192	392	443	159	204	15	22	18	27	3,397	2,986	3,366	3,697	363	295	7,943	7,866	1,077	887	9,020	8,753
Noakhally	...	...	45	41	130	136	65	75	8	7	18	22	1,666	2,133	968	1,059	147	181	2,947	3,654	536	467	3,483	4,121
Nuddea	..	...	93	98	194	128	133	89	13	2	98	40	1,565	1,744	3,484	2,737	94	93	5,674	4,931	1,162	1,233	6,836	6,164
Patna	...	..	55	54	40	48	71	67	19	11	37	10	1,168	1,097	2,283	2,253	63	28	3,726	3,568	4,763	4,263	8,489	7,831
Pubna	...	...	110	112	80	77	65	57	6	10	74	29	733	822	1,246	1,316	94	89	2,408	2,512	415	366	2,823	2,878
Bogra	...	..	67	53	27	47	31	61	10	2	26	7	499	503	1,348	1,015	137	131	2,045	1,819	402	358	2,447	2,177
Purneah	..	...	48	42	47	35	56	54	8	8	10	4	1,071	935	2,400	1,997	110	56	3,750	3,131	823	763	4,573	3,894
Rajshahye	...	...	63	46	47	41	38	51	10	10	34	29	583	499	1,628	1,599	51	53	2,454	2,327	320	404	2,774	2,731
Maldah	...	...	29	25	26	13	33	19	1	3	45	41	284	209	578	571	23	12	1,019	892	169	227	1,188	1,119
Rungpore	...	...	36	51	160	95	98	81	7	4	38	17	1,008	1,131	1,416	1,846	177	274	2,940	3,499	345	523	3,285	4,022
Julpigoree	...	...	19	22	15	30	14	30	6	7	13	12	313	273	678	829	53	63	1,111	1,266	174	213	1,285	1,479
Sarun	...	1	53	49	126	147	122	158	21	4	34	117	962	979	1,924	2,044	29	49	3,271	3,548	1,306	1,346	4,577	4,894
Chumparun	...	...	35	16	106	62	83	103	6	8	10	2	843	1,010	1,968	1,495	57	59	3,108	2,755	822	763	3,930	3,518
Shahabad	...	...	70	69	93	102	77	89	7	4	62	107	1,378	1,205	1,543	1,566	40	59	3,270	3,201	1,019	955	4,289	4,156
Tipperah	...	...	100	139	176	132	88	41	9	6	121	22	2,199	2,247	2,009	1,542	173	147	4,875	4,276	1,173	751	6,048	5,027
Mozufferpore	..	...	35	50	73	75	87	84	3	9	9	38	695	536	1,642	1,410	26	25	2,570	2,227	1,177	1,114	3,747	3,341
Durbhungah	...	...	28	29	62	100	60	64	7	6	100	31	606	364	2,818	2,252	33	29	3,714	2,925	934	840	4,648	3,765
24-Pergunnahs	...	..	83	92	174	201	171	149	21	29	315	374	4,335	5,356	2,547	2,889	545	494	8,191	9,584	5,912	5,790	14,103	15,374
Hazareebagh	...	...	11	12	61	34	39	35	10	16	10	6	343	287	1,138	895	16	27	1,628	1,312	360	526	1,988	1,838
Lohardugga	...	...	27	15	27	68	62	82	2	6	20	8	774	768	917	1,049	25	43	1,854	2,039	611	824	2,465	2,863
Manbhoom	..	...	24	35	81	73	24	23	5	2	15	14	381	316	1,096	984	35	35	1,661	1,482	288	200	1,949	1,682
Singbhoom	...	...	...	6	3	1	5	11	...	1	1	...	109	110	166	200	35	28	319	357	105	101	424	458
TOTAL	1	2	2,442	2,609	4 707	4,267	3,192	2,962	395	390	2,135	1,837	51,726	52,530	69,852	69,025	4,689	4,410	139,139	138,032	51,876	47,908	191,015	185,940
Calcutta	...	...	323	195	32	27	42	36	37	13	6,391	4,662	2,462	2,809	1,993	1,783	440	455	11,720	9,980	30,325	29,768	42,045	39,748
GRAND TOTAL	1	2	2,765	2,804	4,739	4,294	3,234	2,978	432	403	8,526	6,499	54,188	55,139	71,845	70,808	5,129	4,865	150,859	148,012	82,201	77,676	233,060	225,688

D.

Showing in detail for each class the number of persons convicted in 1884 and 1885.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by, or relating to, public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Backergunge	...	...	212	349	180	147	54	42	36	18	34	17	513	487	500	421	27	18	1,556	1,499	5,063	4,079	6,619	5,578
Beerbhoom	...	...	38	40	27	20	19	18	8	2	55	66	279	234	331	469	9	13	766	862	519	362	1,285	1,224
Bhagulpore	...	...	93	89	84	111	39	53	4	10	50	39	323	313	771	720	18	12	1,382	1,346	728	694	2,110	2,040
Monghyr	...	...	124	132	131	103	73	50	11	10	35	46	265	306	699	806	18	26	1,356	1,479	1,578	1,309	2,934	2,788
Burdwan	...	..	110	177	116	132	28	44	2	3	51	56	521	508	525	657	19	30	1,372	1,607	1,773	2,005	3,145	3,612
Bancoora	.	...	136	127	74	79	14	14	5	1	60	4	142	149	290	229	5	9	726	612	191	285	917	897
Chittagong	...	...	129	135	48	88	17	22	1	13	28	21	330	356	267	303	9	20	829	960	677	876	1,506	1,836
Cuttack	...	...	80	92	57	138	53	18	8	5	29	58	290	347	586	691	18	36	1,121	1,385	818	1,045	1,939	2,430
Pooree	...	...	108	126	45	22	33	11	3	9	62	48	280	233	1,168	954	28	34	1,727	1,437	884	850	2,611	2,287
Balasore	...	...	52	65	79	75	15	21	19	9	59	9	228	240	440	294	20	24	912	737	543	332	1,455	1,069
Dacca	..	...	378	274	133	155	94	67	4	13	103	135	898	819	881	645	20	23	2,511	2,131	1,729	1,182	4,240	3,313
Dinagepore	...	...	49	61	88	80	20	13	1	10	13	44	278	252	587	585	3	9	1,039	1,054	1,431	1,363	2,470	2,417
Darjeeling	...	...	15	48	13	1	15	17	3	3	61	9	88	152	440	531	17	13	652	774	1,059	1,179	1,711	1,953
Furreedpore	...	...	293	298	389	153	35	45	9	4	129	30	419	544	488	513	11	8	1,773	1,595	792	704	2,565	2,299
Gya	...	...	50	105	231	91	66	45	2	2	27	18	319	327	841	767	17	19	1,553	1,374	1,460	1,051	3,013	2,425
Hooghly	...	...	126	119	120	127	22	31	8	4	23	20	692	917	438	528	31	12	1,460	1,758	2,614	1,713	4,074	3,471
Howrah	...	..	54	56	28	31	23	24	6	3	19	19	449	323	492	515	43	21	1,113	992	3,345	2,954	4,458	3,946
Jessore	...	...	387	281	259	160	37	20	...	2	66	127	586	536	768	628	38	20	2,141	1,776	510	696	2,651	2,472
Khoolna	...	...	179	195	61	77	23	25	4	2	31	25	278	342	319	260	15	10	910	936	848	500	1,758	1,436
Midnapore	...	...	213	240	251	365	76	49	26	11	160	221	511	494	1,049	761	35	35	2,321	2,176	1,071	1,206	3,392	3,382
Moorshedabad	...	...	177	209	81	62	38	18	3	3	46	68	469	392	765	995	33	23	1,612	1,770	1,236	1,018	2,848	2,788
Mymensingh	...	...	420	427	400	452	107	96	20	17	32	33	981	1,192	779	1,133	21	39	2,760	3,389	627	627	3,387	4,016
Noakhally	...	...	192	141	112	157	36	53	12	5	15	26	340	431	309	353	8	25	1,024	1,191	257	160	1,281	1,351
Nuddea	...	...	236	279	213	116	93	46	6	2	136	64	554	489	1,068	1,100	22	21	2,322	2,117	891	964	3,213	3,081
Patna	...	...	131	105	52	36	31	35	11	4	32	4	423	303	726	722	18	14	1,424	1,223	4,686	4,195	6,110	5,418
Pubna	...	...	211	161	72	100	51	32	5	9	107	71	243	211	435	391	8	7	1,132	982	502	689	1,634	1,671
Bogra	...	...	172	55	27	33	12	35	8	2	37	10	195	170	468	357	2	6	921	668	351	293	1,272	961
Purneah	...	...	90	98	40	35	33	31	10	6	10	5	243	224	863	445	17	8	1,296	852	393	401	1,689	1,253
Rajshahye	...	...	103	117	43	47	26	34	12	4	44	61	358	403	635	769	10	15	1,231	1,450	326	463	1,557	1,913
Maldah	...	...	91	56	34	24	20	11	2	1	51	48	252	141	490	379	17	3	957	663	174	213	1,131	876
Rungpore	...	...	47	48	185	117	57	49	1	4	64	8	408	359	602	751	16	32	1,380	1,368	286	417	1,666	1,785
Julpigoree	...	...	65	87	35	42	7	9	5	3	14	11	120	122	381	358	8	14	635	646	149	191	784	837
Sarun	...	...	90	146	118	113	93	119	5	5	41	218	395	4 9	674	1,073	20	14	1,436	2,097	1,099	1,182	2,535	3,279
Chumparun	...	...	74	44	85	44	61	62	8	4	4	1	179	180	732	600	6	4	1,149	939	558	365	1,707	1,304
Shahabad	...	...	205	190	136	118	58	50	5	3	87	126	398	453	732	701	13	21	1,634	1,662	971	763	2,605	2,425
Tipperah	...	...	311	451	189	160	47	29	9	3	161	28	702	714	732	547	14	20	2,165	1,953	782	459	2,947	2,411
Mozufferpore	...	...	122	157	65	67	54	48	1	4	1	39	206	170	661	632	4	8	1,114	1,125	917	903	2,031	2,028
Durbhungah	...	..	53	128	76	99	42	68	...	2	184	91	157	142	900	760	9	2	1,421	1,292	1,433	965	2,854	2,257
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	232	287	128	169	110	87	18	33	349	375	1,417	1,838	1,325	1,297	236	199	3,815	4,285	6,234	5,955	10,049	10,240
Hazareebagh	...	...	27	35	71	35	23	26	7	19	20	11	292	154	822	714	8	8	1,270	1,002	440	578	1,710	1,580
Lohardugga	...	...	81	63	33	59	30	48	1	3	22	4	247	281	598	878	14	22	1,026	1,358	874	787	1,900	2,145
Manbhoom	...	...	83	140	99	74	20	17	2	12	44	34	269	236	457	444	14	14	979	971	323	203	1,302	1,174
Singbhoom	...	...	...	18	3	6	5	8	...	1	1	...	62	68	79	97	20	15	170	213	98	130	268	343
TOTAL	...	...	6,039	6,461	4,702	4,320	1,909	1,639	311	283	2,591	2,348	16,599	16,965	27,103	26,773	939	926	60,093	59,705	51,240	46,306	111,333	106,011
Calcutta	...	...	758	464	28	20	19	13	24	9	8,756	6,736	987	911	1,456	1,276	111	108	12,139	9,537	29,988	25,247	42,127	34,784
GRAND TOTAL	...	...	6,797	6,915	4,730	4,340	1,928	1,652	335	292	11,347	9,084	17,586	17,876	28,559	28,049	1,050	1,034	72,232	69,242	81,228	71,553	153,460	140,795

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E.

Showing the number of cases brought to trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and the Courts of Magistrates in 1884-85.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Courts of Magistrates.					
	Brought to trial		Disposed of.		Pending.		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Backergunge . . .	26	50	27	50	5	5	3,879	3,294	3,884	3,298	92	84
Beerbhoom . . .	29	45	27	42	3	5	1,481	1,451	1,472	1,418	30	62
Bhagulpore . . .	47	43	47	43	11	11	2,423	2,297	2,441	2,289	44	46
Monghyr . . .	35	45	34	46	8	7	3,264	3,136	3,247	3,089	88	125
Burdwan . . .	37	60	39	60	3	6	3,638	4,049	3,612	4,035	86	94
Bankura	19	25	17	28	4	1	1,146	1,134	1,131	1,118	52	68
Chittagong . . .	15	29	10	34	8	3	1,822	2,204	1,820	2,159	39	84
Cuttack . . .	26	22	21	25	7	4	2,124	2,841	2,079	2,851	109	97
Pooree . . .	20	4	20	6	4	2	2,690	2,476	2,689	2,432	81	119
Balasore	9	15	14	14	...	1	1,544	1,208	1,534	1,224	63	47
Dacca	52	50	61	47	10	13	4,576	3,859	4,599	3,812	106	152
Dinagepore . . .	51	41	48	45	7	2	2,889	2,940	2,877	2,943	49	40
Darjeeling . . .	15	8	14	9	2	1	1,771	1,973	1,776	1,975	17	13
Furreedpore . . .	30	31	35	26	2	7	2,527	2,418	2,634	2,404	27	35
Gya	62	47	59	49	9	6	3,473	2,986	3,459	2,967	63	79
Hooghly	28	39	23	32	5	11	5,259	4,320	5,204	4,323	99	95
Howrah	29	22	30	18	1	5	5,032	4,158	4,994	4,175	104	84
Jessore	42	47	31	48	17	5	3,122	3,190	3,159	3,154	60	95
Khulna	28	30	28	26	1	5	1,908	1,535	1,918	1,530	80	83
Midnapore . . .	69	44	70	41	6	9	4,274	4,488	4,325	4,442	121	159
Moorshedabad . .	38	39	36	39	4	4	3,431	3,326	3,393	3,341	123	104
Mymensingh . . .	98	88	93	90	21	18	4,369	4,666	4,381	4,663	203	192
Noakhally . . .	16	29	17	30	2	1	1,557	1,744	1,578	1,725	48	65
Nuddea	55	40	64	35	2	7	3,744	3,278	3,726	3,266	95	99
Patna	55	63	54	61	6	9	6,553	5,881	6,550	5,885	92	85
Pubna	37	33	28	35	15	13	1,711	1,682	1,649	1,697	105	88
Bogra	17	12	24	13	1	...	1,514	1,370	1,509	1,349	54	74
Purneah	39	27	36	32	5	...	2,045	1,678	2,051	1,671	66	68
Rajshahye . . .	29	32	27	32	4	3	1,726	1,872	1,712	1,856	51	54
Maldah	17	18	15	19	2	1	1,195	1,123	1,200	1,078	46	89
Rungpore . . .	43	49	38	55	9	3	2,047	2,375	2,051	2,362	33	34
Jalpaiguree . . .	15	17	11	20	4	1	1,015	1,034	1,025	1,023	25	35
Sarun	69	49	71	52	12	9	3,226	3,801	3,174	3,827	110	83
Chumparun . . .	36	33	39	30	...	3	2,069	1,829	2,052	1,843	59	40
Shahabad . . .	37	38	41	39	5	5	2,909	2,949	2,910	2,909	58	97
Tipperah . . .	45	35	46	29	3	9	3,061	2,489	3,047	2,508	90	79
Mozufferpore . . .	30	41	30	39	2	4	2,521	2,465	2,507	2,487	56	30
Durbhungah . . .	48	39	46	40	3	2	2,505	2,423	2,516	2,393	47	69
24-Pergunnahs . .	81	100	76	93	8	14	10,732	10,914	10,723	10,867	111	134
Hazareebagh . . .	33	20	35	19	1	2	1,561	1,639	1,543	1,649	54	37
Lohardugga . . .	22	45	20	41	7	11	1,815	2,164	1,776	2,180	75	56
Manbhum . . .	30	28	28	26	2	4	1,275	1,144	1,260	1,144	51	51
Singbhum . . .	4	4	3	4	1	1	288	297	277	301	12	6
Total .	1,563	1,576	1,533	1,562	232	233	121,711	118,100	121,464	117,662	3,083	3,330
Calcutta	53	41	53	41	3	3	34,449	29,441	34,440	29,438	45	36
GRAND TOTAL .	1,616	1,617	1,586	1,603	235	236	156,160	147,541	155,904	147,100	3,128	3,366

F.

Showing the number of persons concerned in cases decided under the miscellaneous provision of the Criminal Procedure Code during 1885.

DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VIc and Section 485.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250.	Non attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of bail or recognisance under Chapter XLII.	TOTAL PERSONS.
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.
Backergunge	...	4,562	53	75	1	19	...	6	50	4,765
Beerbhoom	...	36	31	...	1	4	1	4	7	83
Bhagulpore	...	56	27	1	6	34	...	5	25	148
Monghyr	1	265	57	30	10	36	...	3	38	430
Burdwan	...	180	50	59	9	11	...	39	25	64
Bancoora	21	89	42	4	3	3	...	7	9	175
Chittagong	...	41	...	...	4	38	...	9	28	116
Cuttack	...	4	8	31	...	32	...	8	29	162
Pooree	...	147	3	56	...	12	...	5	102	327
Balasore	10	11	5	20	1	8	...	3	44	101
Dacca	2	188	12	33	3	55	...	6	36	332
Dinagepore	...	20	21	1	...	12	2	8	39	103
Darjeeling	...	30	8	...	3	...	...	...	23	61
Furreedpore	...	468	42	11	69	11	...	6	28	566
Gya	...	51	43	2	8	25	...	14	20	155
Hooghly	1	187	6	134	3	11	1	30	30	409
Howrah	...	207	3	...	3	4	...	18	23	255
Jessore	...	312	14	16	12	24	1	20	33	420
Khoolna	3	457	7	26	1	7	...	6	19	525
Midnapore	...	210	46	6	16	32	...	48	119	461
Moorsedabad	...	91	56	8	3	5	1	14	40	215
Mymensingh	8	412	71	11	10	44	4	35	134	719
Noakhally	...	13	5	...	2	51	..	2	19	90
Nuddea	...	104	20	23	9	28	27	24	68	294
Patna	...	172	27	1	29	44	...	18	8	270
Pubna	...	238	31	[illegible]	5	14	1	18	55	357
Bogra	...	15	16	...	2	8	...	26	0	75
Purneah	1	77	34	2	4	26	...	4	25	169
Rajshahye	...	31	20	...	3	10	...	21	32	114
Maldah	...	26	3	...	2	5	...	1	16	53
Rungpore	17	122	108	...	2	44	4	9	48	352
Julpigoree	...	3	18	1	2	21	...	6	46	95
Sarun	...	214	63	...	17	71	...	9	16	373
Chumparun	2	45	2	1	3	28	...	6	13	97
Shahabad	10	126	36	30	26	2	...	19	18	271
Tipperah	...	281	6	201	8	10	1	22	41	562
Mozufferpore	...	91	14	6	24	40	...	4	31	186
Durbhungah	...	51	25	...	11	20	...	3	8	107
24-Pergunnahs	2	238	73	34	10	37	...	89	38	511
Hazareebagh	1	...	25	...	...	4	...	4	1	35
Lohardugga	...	6	3	...	10	1	...	6	48	64
Manbhoom	4	59	37	...	4	4	...	20	23	147
Singbhoom	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	8
TOTAL	83	9,989	1,172	825	339	926	43	617	1 467	15,122
Calcutta	...	121	6	...	...	82	...	268	9	486
GRAND TOTAL	83	10,110	1,178	825	339	1,008	43	885	1,476	15,608

N. B.—Besides the persons shown in this statement, there were three cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter XLVI, Section 551 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which resulted in the discharge of one and conviction of two persons.

G.

Showing the results of trials in the Courts of Session in 1885 (as affecting persons).

Districts.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. convicted of the persons shown in columns 3 and 4 added to those whose cases were referred under Section 374, C. P. C.
Backergunge	108	36	59	5	...	8	64·
Beerbhoom	118	30	71	4	1	12	71·4
Bhagulpore	69	18	39	...	...	12	68·4
Monghyr	105	46	48	4	...	7	53·
Burdwan	112	57	34	2	...	19	37·3
Bancoora	54	27	16	10	...	1	37·2
Chittagong	51	28	20	...	...	3	41 6
Cuttack	58	29	23	...	1	5	44·2
Pooree	22	6	9	...	...	7	60·
Balasore	22	5	16	...	...	1	76·1
Dacca	118	55	34	10	...	19	38·2
Dinagepore	97	50	36	1	1	9	42·5
Darjeeling	16		11	2	...	3	100·
Furreedpore	66	20	29	6	1	10	63·6
Gya	85	23	49	1	1	11	68·4
Hooghly	99	41	29	5	...	24	42·2
Howrah	33	5	17	1	...	10	78·2
Jessore	109	37	51	1	...	20	58·4
Khoolna	78	32	29	1	...	16	48·3
Midnapore	89	27	49	...	1	12	64·4
Moorshedabad	122	44	67	2	3	6	60 3
Mymensingh	217	67	114	3	4	29	63·5
Noakhally	62	17	44	...	...	1	72·1
Nuddea	49	11	24	3	...	11	70·2
Patna	110	52	40	9	...	11	44·
Pubna	92	52	20	1	...	19	28·7
Bogra	13	2	11	...	...	...	84·6
Purneah	53	14	39	...	...	...	73·5
Rajshahye	84	41	39	...	1	3	48·7
Maldah	32	16	11	2	...	3	44·8
Rungpore	120	49	64	2	1	4	57·3
Julpigoree	31	13	14	1	...	3	53·5
Sarun	85	26	48	...	...	11	64·8
Chumparun	39	10	25	1	...	3	72·2
Shahabad	70	26	36	1	...	7	58·7
Tipperah	83	28	32	...	...	23	53·3
Mozufferpore	53	20	28	1	...	4	59·1
Durbhungah	68	27	36		1	4	57 1
24-Pergunnahs	170	65	66	8	1	30	50·7
Hazareebagh	45	15	25	...	1	4	62·5
Lohardugga	85	28	42	4	...	11	62·1
Manbhoom	68	19	41	1	...	7	68 8
Singbhoom	11	...	5	...	...	6	100·
Total	3,271	1,214	1,540	92	18	409	56·6
Calcutta	49	15	31	.	...	3	67·3
GRAND TOTAL	3,320	1,229	1,571	92	18	412	56 8

H.

Showing the results of trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1885 (as affecting persons.)

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. of persons entered in columns 3 and 4, who were convicted.
Backergunge	8,196	2,433	5,517	100	10	136	69·3
Beerbhoom	2,140	797	1,150	98	2	93	59·06
Bhagulpore	3,394	1,232	2,001	59	6	96	61·8
Monghyr	5,392	2,239	2,740	104	13	296	55·03
Burdwan	5,746	1,900	3,577	105	11	153	65·3
Bancoora	1,771	730	881	35	1	124	54·6
Chittagong	2,956	986	1,816	36	...	118	64·8
Cuttack	4,182	1,532	2,407	52	2	189	61·1
Pooree	4,212	1,670	2,278	11	11	242	57·7
Balasore	1,878	706	1,053	23	2	94	59·8
Dacca	5,576	1,973	3,269	106	3	225	62·3
Dinagepore	3,688	1,170	2,380	82	8	48	67·04
Darjeeling	2,560	567	1,940	16	11	26	77·3
Furreedpore	3,796	1,378	2,263	61	14	80	62·1
Gya	4,243	1,651	2,375	89	5	123	58·9
Hooghly	6,036	2,333	3,439	96	2	166	59·9
Howrah	5,387	1,336	3,928	33	3	87	74·6
Jessore	4,805	2,157	2,420	101	1	126	52·3
Khoolna	2,741	1,097	1,406	77	2	159	56·1
Midnapore	6.610	2,930	3,333	71	21	255	53·2
Moorshedabad	4,744	1,746	2,719	121	6	152	60·8
Mymensingh	7,061	2,659	3,900	170	34	298	59·4
Noakhally	2,369	922	1,307	64	2	74	58·6
Nuddea	5,370	2,005	3,055	50	9	251	60·3
Patna	7,755	2,101	5,374	126	5	149	67·5
Pubna	3,384	1,482	1,650	71	7	174	52·6
Bogra	2,020	935	950	11	4	120	50·3
Purneah	2,388	1,026	1,214	51	7	90	54·1
Rajshahye	3,286	1,207	1,874	85	15	105	60·8
Maldah	1,656	599	865	34	4	154	59·08
Rungpore	3,325	1,440	1,719	96	12	58	54·4
Julpigoree	1,461	550	821	26	3	61	59·8
Sarun	6,044	2,561	3,231	95	5	152	55·7
Chumparun	2,314	935	1,278	39	7	55	57·7
Shahabad	4,475	1,805	2,388	71	7	204	56·9
Tipperah	4,242	1,609	2,377	75	2	179	59·6
Mozufferpore	3,546	1,408	1,999	51	5	83	58·6
Durbhungah	3,686	1,247	2,221	73	8	137	64·
24-Pergunnahs	14,525	4,004	10,170	150	24	177	71·7
Hazareebagh	2,502	813	1,555	49	9	76	65·6
Lohardugga	3,653	1,331	2,099	110	3	110	61·2
Manbhoom	2,166	842	1,132	78	4	110	57·3
Singhbhoom	514	153	338	10	3	10	68·8
TOTAL	177,795	64,197	104,419	3,061	313	5,815	61·9
Calcutta	39,113	4,242	34,753	45	15	58	89·1
GRAND TOTAL	216,908	68,439	139,162	3,106	328	5,873	67·

I.

Showing in detail the number of persons who were awaiting trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1885.

DISTRICTS.	Criminal Lunatics	Number of persons.				Of the persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under trial.				
		In custody.	On bail.	On recognizance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.	Over six months
Backergunge	9	5	86	36	..	116	10	...	1	...
Beerbhoom	1	22	69	1	...	59	30	3	...	...
Bhagulpore	1	20	59	15	1	84	10	1	...	...
Monghyr	...	33	198	60	5	224	33	31	8	
Burdwan	5	9	127	5	7	128	17	3	...	...
Bancoora	...	12	112	...	...	67	56	1	...	..
Chittagong	...	1	106	11	1	103	15	1	...	...
Cuttack	1	10	92	69	16	146	37	2	2	...
Pooree	1	14	152	75	...	165	68	6	2	
Balasore	...	25	58	8	3	78	14	1	1	...
Dacca	2	22	167	34	...	204	19		...	...
Dinagpore	.	3	41	4	...	42	6	..	...	...
Darjeeling	...	11	13	2	...	17	8	1	...	
Furreedpore	...	7	71	2	...	72	4	4	...	...
Gya	...	24	82	9	8	80	35	...	8	
Hooghly	3	19	121	23	...	110	44	9	...	...
Howrah	..	...	19	69	...	86	2	...	...	...
Jessore	2	9	108	7	...	120	4	...	...	...
Khoolna	4	8	144	3	...	146	9		...	...
Midnapore	1	23	194	32	5	219	27	2	6	...
Moorshedabad	1	30	112	10	...	118	13	14	7	...
Mymensingh	12	24	234	17	7	263	18	1	...	...
Noakhally	...	1	54	17	...	58	12	2	...	..
Nuddea	5	27	205	14	...	194	40	12	.	...
Patna	6	23	108	11	1	109	4	24	6	...
Pubna	2	50	121	2	...	148	18	5	2	...
Bogra	...	3	117	..	...	114	6	...	...	...
Purneah	...	6	75	9	...	74	11	5	..	...
Rajshahye	...	22	81	2		97	8	..	...	..
Maldah		30	124	...	...	136	18	...	...	...
Rungpore	3	13	40	1	1	43	12	...	...	..
Julpigoree	...	18	37	6	...	54	6	1	...	...
Sarun	7	48	65	32	...	131	12	1	1	...
Chumparun		16	19	20	...	47	8	...	...	...
Shahabad	1	20	119	55	9	178	21	3	1	...
Tipperah	10	10	129	29	1	163	6	...	..	...
Mozufferpore	...	6	71	3	...	67	13	.	...	...
Durbhungah	3	37	89	8	.	101	8	16	9	...
24-Pergunnahs	19	15	105	31	15	129	30	5	2	...
Hazareebagh	...	16	55	5	...	72	1	3	...	...
Lohardugga	...	17	69	24	...	93	11	6	...	...
Manbhoom	...	2	89	18	1	91	18	1	...	...
Singbhoom	1	7	...	...	2	8	1	...	...	...
Total	100	718	4,137	779	83	4,754	743	164	56	..

J.

Showing the number of witnesses examined, and the amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and of Magistrates in 1884 and 1885.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Witnesses examined.				Amount paid as expenses.			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1884	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Backergunge	308	532	15,527	14,677	111	472	677	295
Beerbhoom	258	395	5,228	5,167	771	849	298	284
Bhangulpore	296	309	8,996	8,624	451	407	825	505
Monghyr	301	331	9,600	10,005	259	181	763	327
Burdwan	304	336	10,322	10,681	778	914	1,168	1,413
Bancoora	182	235	5,106	5,322	194	428	724	514
Chittagong	79	271	6,155	6,822	303	490	577	442
Cuttack	152	215	8,136	10,031	489	381	329	271
Pooree	125	36	8,501	6,949	366	73	157	74
Balasore	128	148	5,286	4,626	153	196	353	104
Dacca	425	401	17,271	14,593	777	1,292	959	1,072
Dinagepore	461	371	5,534	7,632	347	250	374	245
Darjeeling	109	44	3,272	3,729	215	128	112	29
Furreedpore	261	236	10,295	9,272	756	888	275	238
Gya	375	304	11,395	11,236	311	231	133	211
Hooghly	154	228	16,022	14,497	178	252	649	405
Howrah	197	130	10,900	8,782	361	188	326	163
Jessore	273	268	13,880	13,108	285	282	943	436
Khoolna	280	154	7,841	7,429	197	330	312	367
Midnapore	613	338	14,391	13,714	2,161	357	2,782	1,405
Moorshedabad	270	338	12,008	12,734	341	845	571	354
Mymensingh	828	757	18,818	20,779	614	398	145	82
Noakhally	163	313	6,300	7,123	308	366	471	216
Nuddea	373	211	13,850	11,719	1,092	267	909	388
Patna	351	350	11,497	10,966	502	329	341	178
Pubna	175	236	8,516	8,335	142	261	332	205
Bogra	128	90	6,402	6,076	77	31	157	41
Purneah	212	229	7,163	6,301	339	181	306	104
Rajshahye	217	209	9,404	9,282	333	807	493	739
Maldah	179	130	4,650	3,690	79	36	96	37
Rungpore	361	404	10,341	11,061	742	756	1,079	404
Julpigoree	97	152	4,259	4,705	117	243	181	243
Sarun	419	389	10,466	12,298	361	358	306	308
Chumparun	240	189	7,690	7,258	107	87	632	491
Shahabad	273	332	12,635	13,321	562	315	267	215
Tipperah	334	221	11,770	11,215	374	215	302	396
Mozufferpore	139	195	6,607	7,501	93	234	185	282
Durbhungah	195	144	6,876	6,768	12	13	315	258
24-Pergunnahs	542	539	28,180	29,764	507	873	1,115	833
Hazareebagh	327	205	6,666	7,503	245	108	421	327
Lohardugga	160	335	6,097	8,406	184	211	201	330
Manbhoom	242	235	6,068	5,526	132	86	295	138
Singbhoom	7	6	1,034	1,295	7	8	16	11
Total	11,513	11,588	410,955	410,602	16,733	15,617	22,052	15,470
Calcutta	516	439	...	.	..	...	...	.
GRAND TOTAL	12,029	12,027	410,955	410,602	16,733	15,617	22,052	15,470

K.

Showing the detention of witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1885.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.							
	COURTS OF SESSION.				MAGISTRATES' COURTS.			
	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day	After the 3rd day.
Backergunge	242	413	68	443	13,003	4,495	1,296	773
Beerbhoom	61	101	38	331	5,337	1,523	137	
Bhagulpore	243	83	27	3	7,836	1,131	552	120
Monghyr	272	94	41	47	9,997	2,622	976	562
Burdwan	160	162	71	176	10,557	2,524	476	13
Bancoora	55	73	30	127	5,139	990	92	5
Chittagong	310	100	45	29	7,144	1,151	337	176
Cuttack	67	61	29	112	10,369	1,684	381	272
Pooree	...	3	20	24	6,032	1,654	605	281
Balasore	55	54	30	73	4,711	991	334	108
Dacca	324	161	150	129	14,423	3,244	852	434
Dinagepore	131	154	67	179	7,113	1,819	519	116
Darjeeling	30	14	.	7	4,836	391	42	12
Furreedpore	122	124	88	116	9,424	868	193	113
Gya	155	179	85	90	12,359	1,220	173	62
Hooghly	124	45	14	130	16,561	1,268	174	29
Howrah	96	81	25	..	9,815	800	65	10
Jessore	442	58	23	.	12,594	2 994	678	57
Khoolna	269	94	27	...	7,932	1,557	654	100
Midnapore	278	93	47	73	14,128	3 924	1,321	325
Moorshedabad	61	69	63	252	12,367	2,417	449	224
Mymensingh	793	313	97	52	19,563	3,493	960	38
Noakhally	232	177	34	75	8,601	984	65	8
Nuddea	225	75	21	..	11,467	2,332	555	395
Patna	157	114	69	233	12,428	1,762	532	162
Pubna	295	103	38	18	8,007	1,785	603	233
Bogra	115	13	...	...	6,155	549	295	...
Purneah	298	60	..	..	8,309	1,776	397	8
Rajshahye	179	119	23	125	8,751	1,640	551	...
Maldah	33	29	45	144	2,521	1,125	243	...
Rungpore	310	185	37	128	10,731	3,178	626	19
Julpigoree	66	32	110	92	4,897	366	73	4
Sarun	377	88	20	77	13,287	2,077	135	17
Chumparun	207	40	.	...	7,954	1,589	320	127
Shahabad	185	214	82	122	13,910	2,838	647	159
Tipperah	316	98	25	41	11,677	3 833	1,130	339
Mozufferpore	256	43	25	...	7,945	1,103	339	93
Durbhungah	121	44	28	12	6,935	2,325	1,023	141
24-Pergunnahs	508	364	80	109	30,381	4,020	470	78
Hazareebagh	93	69		69	7,170	1,057	362	24
Lohardugga	141	67	65	109	8,858	327	57	4
Manbhoom	242	41	...	.	5,150	503	111	89
Singbhoom	...	...	2	5	1,199	123	171	118
TOTAL	8,646	4,504	1,789	3,752	417,573	78,352	19,971	5,848

L.

Showing the total amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1884 and 1885, the amount realised, and the amount paid by way of compensation.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Magistrates' Courts.					
	Total amount of fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of compensation.		Total amount of fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	190	710	451	521	..	...	18,746	16,519	17,268	13,866	1,358	614
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	..	.	7,094	8,361	5,527	5,602	178	198
Bhagulpore	49	..	...	...	...	...	13,165	9,441	13,003	8,002	292	392
Monghyr	...	426	...	...	...	.	10,053	13,995	9,789	11,286	211	450
Burdwan	...	.	5	...	...	...	9,921	10,612	9,615	9,127	834	1,101
Bancoora	75	50	51	21	...	...	4,054	2,960	3,141	3,097	275	189
Chittagong	...	10	34	1	...	...	10,795	14,309	9,819	10,932	810	432
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,871	13,658	10,384	12,645	920	858
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,890	10,344	9,633	9,355	871	744
Balasore	...	...	...	...	...	.	11,029	7,774	9,133	8,145	880	1,278
Dacca	70	50	328	32	92	..	35,302	27,251	29,896	27,278	1,013	1,223
Dinagepore	245	...	158	35	...	..	9,715	9,702	6,915	10,398	348	681
Darjeeling	200	...	200	..	...	..	10,116	8,367	9,553	7,483	170	129
Furreedpore	1	300	27	125	...		25,127	18,090	24,416	14,380	1,579	1,722
Gya	...	...	620	4	...	.	14,764	12,823	11,974	11,270	1,954	1,357
Hooghly	560	...	186	57	...		17,238	18,888	16,080	16,787	897	827
Howrah	...	...		...	...	...	17,954	21,303	14,251	16,052	664	839
Jessore	300	...	4	51	...	...	16,849	18,258	15,533	18,132	1,295	1,167
Khoolna	1,100	...	28	...	..	...	9,702	7,205	9,876	7,570	684	298
Midnapore	75	375	34	222	...	62	14,661	16,042	14,125	15,421	2,270	2,365
Moorshedabad	194	850	71	...	71	...	13,490	15,012	11,485	12,733	955	1,453
Mymensingh	975	2,255	849	723	...	..	29,668	38,035	22,725	36,213	1,444	1,588
Noakhally	50	75	319	75	...	..	9,712	11,128	9,734	10,674	842	726
Nuddea	78	140	96	55	11	...	17,148	17,079	15,598	15,763	1,591	1,421
Patna	...	810	...	...	...	...	12,156	14,591	10,179	11,748	241	400
Pubna	...	.	47	100	...	...	11,746	9,271	8,562	8,091	964	743
Bogra	..	...	72	...	...	..	10,051	4,464	9,461	4,141	377	186
Purneah	..	1	...	...	...	...	17,160	11,078	10,361	8,538	1,061	1,075
Rajshahye	...	...	603		...	...	11,078	11,054	12,372	10,107	2,742	835
Maldah	...	...	20	...	...	...	10,449	5,191	9,229	4,884	489	331
Rungpore	...	2,750	...	13	...		14,465	12,940	10,450	10,167	1,037	4,328
Julpigoree	.	20	...	20	.	...	6,436	5,991	6,164	4,983	300	191
Sarun	...	600	41	29	...	120	18,712	27,742	16,560	23,548	945	698
Chumparun	...	...	...	...		..	7,352	7,872	6,667	7,487	172	642
Shahabad	210	...	210	...	...	...	14,488	13,533	13,738	12,026	337	950
Tipperah	100	1,282	353	960	...	...	17,358	19,792	16,134	18,395	1,011	1,078
Mozufferpore	...	...	50	...	...		8,162	14,109	7,056	13,291	432	525
Durbhungah	...	50	...	...	..	...	10,466	11,222	8,354	7,316	585	741
24-Pergunnahs	70	2,410	20	661		...	41,220	39,768	41,169	42,487	1,991	2,103
Hazareebagh	520	70	110	37	.	...	7,389	8,650	7,313	7,157	143	154
Lohardugga	200	90	...	50		...	8,743	10,991	6,994	8,741	531	949
Manbhoom	200	210	...	10	...	.	10,775	8,569	8,464	6,480	317	1,164
Singbhoom	..	...	...	...	...	...	957	1,359	808	1,121	360	70
Total	5,460	13,634	4,989	3,802	174	182	5,86,227	5,85,343	5,20,108	5,22,919	36,360	35,715
Calcutta	...	2,000	...	...	...	...	77,966	73,911	71,986	68,416	4,276	2,633
GRAND TOTAL	5,460	15,634	4,989	3,802	174	182	6,64,193	6,59,254	5,91,994	5,91,335	40,636	38,348

L

Showing particulars of whippings inflicted in 1885 by the

DISTRICTS.	I.—In lieu of other punishments (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864).													II.—In addition to other punishments (Sections 3 and 4, Act VI of 1864).						
														Number						
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.									
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	Total.	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	Total.
Backergunge	1	...	8	...	3	...	6	...	...	1	3		22	...	...	...	2	1	1	4
Beerbhoom	4		8	..	3	...	6		1	...	...	...	22	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	8	...	43	..	14	1	20	...	5		6		97	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Monghyr	1	...	22	...	22	...	11	...	1	...	...	...	57	..	2	3	3	1	...	9
Burdwan	6	...	12	1	9	...	4	...	3	1	...	...	36	...	1	...	5	...	2	8
Bancoora	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
Chittagong	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	...	1	...	3	2	6
Cuttack	6	...	20	...	16	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	49	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Pooree	4	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	1	..	...	1
Balasore	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	4	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	2	3	6	...	11	...	6	...	4	...	...	2	34	1	...	1	1	1	...	4
Dinagepore	2	...	10	...	10	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Darjeeling	3	...	6	...	7	...	10	...	3	...	11	1	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore	...	...	2	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	2	1	10	...	...	..	1	...	...	1
Gya	7	...	24	...	10	2	10	...	1	...	...	...	54	...	...	1	2	2	5	10
Hooghly	1	...	6	...	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Howrah	1	...	11	...	10	...	10	...	...	...	13	1	46	...	1	1	1	2	5	10
Jessore	5	...	17	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Khoolna	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	..	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	6	...	3	...	2	...	4	...	..	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	2	1	...	3
Moorshodabad	7	1	7	2	8	4	3	...	3	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	1	...	3	4
Mymensingh	4	.	7	...	6	...	11	...	11	...	...	...	39	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Noakhally	1	...	1	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	3	...	8	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	1	2	...	...	3
Patna	1	...	11	...	37	...	28	3	5	...	3	...	88	...	...	...	8	3	5	16
Pubna	...	...	3	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	...	5	...	8	..	6	...	3	...	19	...	41	...	.	...	3	1	4	8
Rajshahye	...	..	2	...	4	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Maldah	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Rungpore	.	...	22	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	5	...	46	...	...	2	...	...	1	3
Julpigoree	...	...	4	...	5	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	10	...	13	...	17	...	19	...	5	...	6	...	70	...	...	...	2	1	4	7
Chumparun	11	...	32	...	11	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	4	2	...	1	7
Shahabad	1	...	11	...	22	...	7	...	1	...	2	...	44	...	...	...	3	...	3	6
Tipperah	2	...	7	...	4	...	5	...	4	...	...	...	22	...	1	...	...	.		1
Mozufferpore	1	7	18	7	19	2	7	1	1	...	...	...	63	...	...	1	7	...	1	9
Durbhungah	2	...	35	...	7	...	31	...	...	.	6	3	94	...	3	...	6	...	3	12
24-Pergunnahs	14	5	36	6	12	2	4	...	1	...	3	3	86	...	...	2	4	4	1	11
Hazareebagh	11	..	17	...	14	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	46	...	...	1	4	...	4	9
Lohardugga	3	...	12	...	16	...	7	...	1	..	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Manbhoom*	2	...	10	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singbhoom	.	...	4		4	..	5	..	1	...	...		14	...	...	1	...		...	1
Total	132	16	471	16	333	14	290	8	58	2	85	11	1,436	1	8	24	63	22	51	169
Calcutta	13	...	32	2	9	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	57		1	6	8		1	16
GRAND TOTAL	145	16	503	18	342	15	290	8	58	2	85	11	1,493	1	9	30	71	22	52	185

* Besides the 20 persons entered in this statement 1 was sentenced

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Criminal Tribunals in each District in Bengal.

III.—Inflicted under Section 5, Act VI of 1864, on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.													Relative number of times whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments.					
of stripes.																		
5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.								
1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	Total.	Total number of whipping awarded.	Total number of other punishments.	Percentage of whipping.	Total number of whipping awarded.	Number of convicted persons liable to punishment under Act VI, 1864.	Percentage sentenced to whipping.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	5,552	·46	26	423	6·14
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	22	1,202	1·83	22	377	5·83
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	101	1,939	5·72	101	556	18·16
2	...	2	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	74	2 714	2·72	74	894	8·27
...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	3,568	1 23	44	458	9 60
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	892	·56	5	312	1·60
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1,823	·71	13	266	4 88
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	2,379	2·14	51	465	10·96
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2,276	·48	11	965	1 13
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1,061	·75	8	250	3·2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	3,275	1·16	38	705	5·39
...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	6	32	2,385	1·34	32	1,088	2·94
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	1,912	2·14	41	491	8·36
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2,288	·48	11	167	6·58
...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	66	2,359	2 79	66	664	9·91
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	3,457	·40	14	1,772	·79
...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	58	3,888	1 49	58	505	11·48
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	29	2,443	1·18	29	496	5·84
...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...		9	1,427	·63	9	307	2·92
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	3,364	·53	18	439	4 10
...	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	43	2,745	1·56	43	896	4 79
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	41	3,975	1 03	41	734	5·58
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1,343	·59	8	178	4·70
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	3,962	·62	19	969	1·96
1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	107	5,311	2·01	107	774	13 82
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1,667	·23	4	101	3·96
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	959	·20	2	226	·88
1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	52	1,201	4·32	52	580	8·96
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1,906	·36	7	524	1·33
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	869	·80	7	272	2 57
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	1,736	2·82	49	719	6·81
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	825	1·45	12	386	3·10
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	3,202	2·4	77	790	9·74
5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	77	1,227	6·27	77	586	13·13
7	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	61	2,364	2 58	61	434	14·05
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	2,388	·97	23	1,950	1·19
...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	74	1,954	3·78	74	564	13·12
...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	2,161	4·44	96	595	16 13
1	...	9	...	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	12	109	10,131	1·07	109	1,384	7 87
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	1,525	3·60	55	683	8·05
...	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	44	2,101	2·09	44	659	6·67
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	1,153	1·82	21	445	4·71
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	15	328	4 57	15	83	16·86
17	1	30	...	8	...	9	1	2	...	...	...	68	1,674	104,337	1·60	1,674	26,132	6·4
5	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	11	84	34,700	·24	84	962	8·73
22	1	35	...	9	...	9	1	2	...	...	..	79	1,758	139,037	1 24	1,758	27,094	6·48

to whipping in a case under Section 251, Indian Penal Code.

M.

Showing the number of appeals (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1884 and 1885.

DISTRICTS.	1884.						1885.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.
Backergunge	219	112	234	111	13	1	186	64	187	64	12	1
Beerbhoom	50	18	50	19	...	...	68	28	66	25	2	3
Bhaugulpore	125	66	120	68	7	1	132	49	138	48	1	2
Monghyr	81	76	85	69	2	10	96	100	95	98	3	12
Burdwan	84	20	89	21	3	...	105	52	108	50	...	2
Bancoora	48	2	48	3	2	...	31	8	33	7	...	1
Chittagong	88	61	92	61	1	2	95	109	94	107	2	4
Cuttack	123	14	126	15	9	3	114	45	97	45	26	3
Pooree	87	48	92	50	1	3	54	56	47	51	8	8
Balasore	60	42	59	40	3	4	92	47	77	48	18	3
Dacca	385	116	413	111	5	7	280	86	267	93	18	...
Dinagepore	67	63	61	64	3	1	119	27	115	28	7	...
Darjeeling	49	10	44	9	5	1	45	11	49	12	1	...
Furreedpore	130	55	146	56	...	..	193	66	178	61	15	5
Gya	152	85	151	110	5	12	198	89	201	97	2	4
Hooghly	107	21	106	17	3	4	102	75	103	77	2	2
Howrah	98	66	94	66	10	1	104	48	114	47	...	2
Jessore	189	24	187	22	7	3	122	45	129	45	...	3
Khoolna	95	65	93	66	3	2	140	37	143	37	...	2
Midnapore	212	75	211	74	4	2	144	101	144	100	3	3
Moorshedabad	153	86	155	85	4	3	198	129	190	126	12	6
Mymensingh	275	211	271	214	5	5	431	161	432	165	4	1
Noakhally	44	148	42	148	2	3	116	101	118	99	...	5
Nuddea	122	61	127	56	5	6	217	77	217	80	5	3
Patna	201	54	202	56	5	4	205	87	199	90	11	1
Pubna	138	57	138	64	1	...	110	53	109	52	2	1
Bogra	42	129	43	124	...	8	76	51	74	58	2	1
Purneah	61	73	58	74	3	9	81	64	84	71	...	2
Rajshahye	170	59	177	58	3	2	144	44	138	46	9	...
Maldah	15	143	16	142		6	50	97	48	103	2	...
Rungpore	129	18	122	18	9	...	168	51	164	48	13	3
Julpigoree	35	17	33	17	2	1	94	27	87	26	9	2
Sarun	181	110	182	103	2	18	146	196	146	214	2	...
Chumparun	153	30	157	30	3	1	171	5	163	6	11	...
Shahabad	166	118	159	119	10	4	251	157	252	161	9	...
Tipperah	191	27	191	26	1	3	132	93	130	94	3	2
Mozufferpore	81	25	79	25	3	...	151	50	141	50	13	..
Durbhanga	107	43	111	39	3	5	151	78	148	80	6	3
24-Pergunnahs	228	56	230	53	4	3	244	82	241	79	7	6
Hazareebagh	41	40	42	41	1	...	39	20	40	20	...	.
Lohardugga	82	50	82	51	3	3	120	138	122	140	1	1
Manbhoom	18	55	19	52	...	3	71	33	70	35	1	1
Singbhoom	5	6	5	6	...	...	22	2	22	2	...	..
TOTAL	5,087	2,655	5,142	2,653	155	144	5,808	2,939	5,720	2,985	242	98

N.

Showing the number of applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1884 and 1885.

DISTRICTS.	1884.						1885.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.
Backergunge	64	62	67	59	2	4	48	62	48	66	2	...
Beerbhoom	12	1	12	1	...	...	16	1	16	1	...	...
Bhaugulpore	16	10	15	8	1	2	32	13	30	15	3	...
Monghyr	22	35	21	40	1	...	24	17	24	15	1	1
Burdwan	33	22	34	22	1	1	67	9	68	10	...	...
Bancoora	5	...	4	...	1	...	3	2	4	2	...	...
Chittagong	119	2	117	2	6	...	170	2	165	2	11	...
Cuttack	24	11	25	20	...	...	50	5	48	5	2	...
Pobree	6	6	6	6	...	...	9	10	9	10	...	...
Balasore	3	2	2	4	1	..	11	3	11	3	1	...
Dacca	117	48	118	48	1	...	107	31	104	31	4	...
Dinagepore	15	47	14	48	1	...	31	35	28	34	4	1
Darjeeling	3	4	3	4	...	...	2	2	2	1	...	.
Furreedpore	38	13	42	13	...	...	57	11	52	10	5	1
Gya	22	10	26	9	..	1	15	3	15	3		1
Hooghly	20	14	21	16	1		29	35	30	31	.	1
Howrah	6	26	6	22	..	4	10	16	10	17		3
Jessore	59	44	57	43	2	2	38	28	38	30	2	...
Khoolna	22	...	22		...	...	17	8	17	7	.	1
Midnapore	76	16	77	17	...	...	58	18	55	17	3	1
Moorshedabad	43	8	45	8	3	...	37	13	35	13	5	...
Mymensingh	50	76	49	77	1	...	87	41	85	41	3	...
Noakhally	7	40	7	39	...	2	17	47	15	49	2	...
Nuddea	16	10	17	10	...	...	11	7	11	7		
Patna	60	3	56	3	6	...	56	20	61	17	2	3
Pubna	28	6	29	5	...	1	28	1	28	2	...	...
Bogra	3	19	3	17	...	2	8	32	8	34	...	...
Purneah	52	26	50	20	2	6	20	67	22	73	.	
Rajshahye	25	18	26	18	...	...	19	11	17	11	2	...
Maldah	5	26	4	31	1	...	6	10	7	9	.	1
Rungpore	72	...	69	..	5	...	57	5	58	5	4	...
Julpigoree	6	1	5	1	1	...	3	11	4	11	...	.
Sarun	21	93	22	95	...	10	32	102	32	111		1
Chumparun	13	20	14	20	1	...	20	11	20	11	1	...
Shahabad	6	46	5	46	1	1	11	68	12	68	..	1
Tipperah	59	23	57	24	3	...	64	54	67	50	...	4
Mozufferpore	43	18	42	19	2	...	61	44	63	43	...	1
Durbhungah	17	70	15	66	2	8	40	63	39	71	3	...
24-Pergunnahs	122	29	119	33	4	2	93	94	92	93	4	3
Hazareebagh	...	1	...	1	...	...	3	1	3	1	...	.
Lohardugga	12	6	12	5	...	1	14	8	13	8	1	1
Manbhoom	...	2	...	2	...	...	4	7	4	7	...	...
Singbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
TOTAL	1,342	914	1,335	922	50	47	1,485	1,028	1,470	1,045	65	25

O.

Showing the number of persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on appeal, or application for revision with the results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts, 1885.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Application for revision.			
	Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of applicants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent. of applicants for revision to persons in respect of whom orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected, or in whose cases orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Backergunge	405	38·9	241	57·7	183	2·2	276	77·3
Beerbhoom	132	26·9	89	71·2	8	·3	19	65·5
Bhagulpore	294	31·7	230	77·9	74	2·1	51	68·
Monghyr	378	19·9	224	61·2	59	1·3	47	82·4
Burdwan	246	12·3	139	54·9	71	1·2	95	80·5
Bancoora	77	28·7	66	70·9	8	·4	8	88·8
Chittagong	354	52·1	239	68·09	105	3·6	263	48·7
Cuttack	244	58·9	133	64·8	71	1·7	58	85·2
Pooree	172	14·1	110	69·6	69	1·6	66	95·6
Balasore	186	32·8	102	61·07	26	1·3	22	84·6
Dacca	577	36 4	426	74·08	132	2·4	229	65·8
Dinagepore	220	14·8	115	53·4	68	1·8	77	63·6
Darjeeling	99	10·3	74	71·1	4	·1	3	99·9
Furreedpore	433	50·7	298	76·8	69	1 8	83	63·3
Gya	428	36·5	299	68·4	26	·6	27	93·1
Hooghly	265	19·2	165	61·3	27	·4	65	74·1
Howrah	212	75·1	138	62·4	23	·4	15	57·7
Jessore	263	31·6	230	84·2	76	1·5	121	92 5
Khoolna	299	38·1	219	71·1	41	1·5	42	93·3
Midnapore	339	25·9	200	50 8	46	·7	118	79·7
Moorshedabad	440	35·3	245	57·3	78	1·6	45	63·3
Mymensingh	895	43·6	640	71·2	102	1·4	164	58·7
Noakhally	279	37·6	180	63·4	16	·67	52	46·4
Nuddea	434	29·6	308	70·1	18	·3	20	80·
Patna	452	35·5	271	60·2	107	1·3	70	63·6
Pubna	256	30·6	164	64·8	29	·8	53	74·6
Bogra	208	40 6	157	73·7	11	·56	26	61·8
Purneah	234	30·7	146	57·9	91	3·8	68	68·6
Rajshahye	369	33·9	272	74·9	43	1·3	36	90·
Maldah	221	44·2	146	63·4	22	1·4	20	95 2
Rungpore	294	32·4	173	62·	48	1·4	145	76·7
Julpigoree	162	28·5	95	62·5	13	·8	5	35·7
Sarun	580	36·09	398	64·2	144	2·4	166	84·2
Chumparun	252	66·6	223	88·4	31	1·3	32	82·05
Shahabad	543	39·2	399	70·6	137	3·1	120	86·9
Tipperah	383	35·07	207	60·1	123	2·7	244	70·7
Mozufferpore	330	44·	186	60·9	166	4·6	123	72·3
Durbhungah	337	35·05	239	72·6	141	3·9	115	79·3
24-Pergunnahs	536	20·2	316	59·6	216	1·4	156	66·1
Hazareebagh	94	9·1	80	83·3	5	·2	4	80·
Lohardugga	468	35·1	283	59·2	23	·6	14	63·6
Manbhoom	181	26·1	146	80·2	13	·6	10	76 9
Singbhoom	38	27·3	23	60·5	...	...	...	...
Total	13,609	29·07	9,034	71·1	2,763	1·5	3,373	70·2

P.

Showing the number of appeals and applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1884 and 1885.

DISTRICTS	Appeals.						Applications for revision.					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Backergunge	14	30	14	26	...	4	20	29	20	27	...	2
Beerbhoom	13	29	14	31	2	...	4	9	4	9	...	.
Bhagulpore	22	28	23	28	...	...	16	19	16	19	...	...
Monghyr	24	32	21	34	3	...	22	31	24	31	1	1
Burdwan	9	9	9	9	...	...	11	10	10	9	1	2
Bancoora	8	9	7	10	1	...	4	3	4	3	...	...
Chittagong	7	14	7	15	1	...	20	23	22	25	2	...
Cuttack	26	17	22	20	4	1	9	9	9	8	..	1
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	2	...	...
Balasore	7	8	12	8	...	...	7	16	5	17	2	1
Dacca	22	16	21	15	1	2	34	41	32	44	4	1
Dinagepore	28	20	30	19	...	1	7	6	7	5	...	1
Darjeeling	3	7	3	5	...	2	4	...	4	.	...	...
Furreedpore	18	14	16	16	2	...	18	23	17	23	...	1
Gya	30	25	30	24	...	1	12	18	13	17	..	1
Hooghly	2	12	2	12	...	...	12	21	12	21	...	...
Howrah	10	9	10	9		...	8	13	8	11	..	2
Jessore	14	21	14	21	...	...	15	29	14	30	1	...
Khoolna	20	5	20	7	2	...	8	5	8	5	...	...
Midnapore	30	23	33	23	.	...	18	15	18	14	...	1
Moorshedabad	14	29	15	22	...	7	27	18	27	17	...	1
Mymensingh	51	54	46	57	6	3	13	37	13	33	...	4
Noakhally	8	22	15	22	...	.	6	6	6	6	..	...
Nuddea	8	18	9	19	1	..	15	11	16	11	...	...
Patna	22	25	21	26	1	...	22	40	21	39	1	2
Pubna	15	17	17	17	...	...	11	11	11	10	...	1
Bogra	6	5	7	5		...	7	8	7	4	..	4
Purneah	14	17	14	17			10	10	8	12	2	...
Rajshahye	11	16	14	14	...	2	6	3	6	3	...	...
Maldah	12	8	13	11	3	...	8	8	7	9	1	..
Rungpore	13	26	13	30	4	..	25	12	25	12	...	...
Julpigoree	8	6	7	9	3	...	...	5	...	5	...	...
Sarun	40	28	45	28	...	...	26	25	26	25	...	...
Chumparun	16	23	16	23	...	..	6	9	7	9	...	...
Shahabad	22	28	22	27	1	2	12	10	12	17	1	3
Tipperah	27	9	24	14	5	...	23	14	23	14	1	...
Muzufferpore	7	14	10	12	...	2	25	23	29	22	...	1
Durbhungah	18	24	18	24	...	...	28	23	28	22	1	2
24-Pergunnahs	26	35	24	38	3	...	38	58	39	52	..	6
Hazareebagh	10	14	15	14	...	...	4	8	4	8	...	
Lohardugga	9	17	9	17	...	...	4	5	4	5	...	...
Manbhoom	19	14	12	19	7	2	5	5	5	4		1
Singbhoom	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...
Rangoon	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	.
Port Blair	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	685	781	697	800	50	30	571	680	572	659	18	39
Calcutta	12	64	12	62	...	2	12	18	12	17	...	1
GRAND TOTAL	697	845	709	862	50	32	583	698	584	676	18	40

Q.

Showing the result, as affecting persons, of appeals and applications for revision in the High Court in 1885.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.						Applications for revision.					
	Rejected.	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected.	Order affirmed.	Order reversed.	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
Backergunge	18	23	2	2	...	...	39	58	15	7	6	...
Beerbhoom	19	19	20	6	...	...	...	8	8	1	...	...
Bhaugulpore	18	4	4	2	...	...	10	9	7	4	10	...
Monghyr	13	15	7	20	...	...	49	2	19	...	8	...
Burdwan	11	1	...	1	...	...	10	3	9	...	1	...
Bancoora	4	7	2	1	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	12	1	3	1	...	...	9	7	30	2	5	...
Cuttack	14	9	5	1	...	...	2	6	5	...	...	...
Pooree	...		...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...
Balasore	1	7	3	2	...	...	10	4	12	1	...	...
Dacca	15	6	...	2	...	...	28	22	44	...	25	...
Dinagepore	20	4	3	1	...	...	1	4	2	...	...	...
Darjeeling	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore	21	1	5	12	...	...	13	8	10	5	2	...
Gya	29	1	1	5	1	...	18	5	2	...	...	...
Hooghly	17	6	...	2	...	...	9	12	14	3	...	...
Howrah	5	5	.	1	...	...	2	7	13	1	1	...
Jessore	13	13	3	12	...	...	30	13	18	...	7	...
Khoolna	8	3	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	19	12	6	2	...	...	8	1	8	1	...	...
Moorshedabad	29	14	...	2	5	...	9	7	11	3	...	...
Mymensingh	52	22	12	6	...	...	17	7	27	5	10	..
Noakhally	17	14	9	1	...	...	1	1	3	13	1	...
Nuddea	12	7	...	2	1	...	9	1	13	...	1	...
Patna	31	4	...	3	...	...	17	17	17	6	6	...
Pubna	10	6	4	2	...	...	2	3	9	...	3	..
Bogra	3	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
Purneah	21	3	3	1	...	...	7	1	7	3	...	...
Rajshahye	7	21	2	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	..
Maldah	3	8	3	1	...	...	14	1	6	...	...	...
Rungpore	32	14	4	8	...	...	4	3	12	2	3	...
Julpigoree	2	4	2	2	...	...	2	...	1	1	1	...
Sarun	34	7	1	1	...	...	18	7	21	...	...	...
Chumparun	20	4		2	...	...	24	...	...	1	1	...
Shahabad	19	6	5	4	...	...	61	6	3	1	1	...
Tipperah	16	8	5	1	...	...	2	8	6	18	4	...
Mozufferpore	10	...	4	1	...	...	15	18	17	...	2	...
Durbhungah	20	7	...	1	.	...	23	14	4	5	1	...
24-Pergunnahs	32	5	2	11	1	...	47	16	28	4	3	...
Hazarebagh	19	7	6	.	...	...	5	2	5	...	...	...
Lohardugga	23	7	1		...	...	...	4	1	1	...	...
Manbhoom	31	6	6	5	...	...	2	3	1	...	...	...
Singbhoom	1	2	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangoon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Blair	2	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	706	315	133	134	8	...	531	294	411	88	103	...
Calcutta	59	21	1	1	...	...	4	8	6	1	2	...
GRAND TOTAL	765	336	134	135	8	...	535	302	417	89	105	...

R.

Criminal business coming before the High Court from the Lower Provinces of Bengal in 1885 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

Description of Cases.	Remaining from 1884.	Filed in 1885.	Disposed of in 1885.	Remaining at the close of 1885.
Appeals.				
By persons convicted. — From the orders of the Presidency Magistrates.	....	64	62	2
By persons convicted. — Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Cr. P. C.	...	4	3	1
By persons convicted. — Sessions Judges . .	50	777*	797†	29
By the Local Government. — From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts.	...	...	...	...
Total .	50	845	862	32
References.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of a Jury, and referred under Section 307, Cr. P. C.	2	26	25	3
Cases in which sentence of death passed by Sessions Judges was referred for confirmation under Section 374, Cr. P. C.	5	42	43	4
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 341, Cr. P. C.	...	2	2	...
Total .	7	70	70	7
Revision.				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Sections 432 and 438, Cr. P. C.	6	245	236	15
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Cr. P. C.—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates . .	10	418	407	21
(2) Ditto by Sessions Judges .	2	35	33	4
Cases dealt with under Section 526, Cr. P. C. .	1	24	22	3
Total .	19	722	698	43
Full Bench References	...	4	2	2
Miscellaneous orders out of Court . . .	...	8	8	...
Total .	...	12	10	2
GRAND TOTAL .	76	1,649	1,640	84

* Of these appeals, one is from Rangoon and another from Port Blair. † Excluding one case in which appellant died.

Note.—Besides the above 351 orders were passed out of Court in review of periodical Criminal returns and Session Statements.

S.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1885.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS. In Court-fee stamps. Process fees.	RECEIPTS. In Court-fee stamps. Other fees.	RECEIPTS. In cash or special stamps. Fines.	RECEIPTS. In cash or special stamps. Copying and comparing fees.	RECEIPTS. In cash or special stamps. Other receipts credited to Government.	TOTAL.	CHARGES. Share of officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	CHARGES. Establishment. Process-servers.	CHARGES. Establishment. Salaried, copying and comparing clerks.	CHARGES. Establishment. Others.	CHARGES. Contingencies. Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	CHARGES. Contingencies. Other contingencies and refunds.	TOTAL.	Results, plus or minus.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	8,318	10,497	14,829	2,936	1,198	37,778	47,821	3,340	161	11,011	1,468	8,930	72,731	—34,953
Beerhboom	2,009	2,529	9,694	428	5,529	20,189	36,471	1,958	6	6,741	214	5,062	50,452	—30,263
Bhaugulpore	3,512	5,151	8,151	2,300	310	19,424	39,852	1,356	240	7,702	1,148	6,790	57,587	—38,163
Monghyr	3,853	6,931	11,562	2,928	283	25,557	27,672	2,436	463	10,804	1,423	4,365	47,183	—21,626
Burdwan	5,259	6,883	8,026	2,004	9,761	31,933	51,553	2,086	40	12,523	1,001	9,354	76,557	—44,624
Bankura	1,961	2,203	3,196	707	227	8,294	21,853	1,469	8	7,070	347	1,753	32,500	—24,206
Chittagong	4,507	7,346	11,220	1,724	3,874	28,571	21,325	1,670	252	10,343	816	4,937	39,343	—10,772
Cuttack	2,201	6,820	11,886	900	287	23,094	33,076	1,365	...	9,501	450	4,686	49,078	—26,984
Pooree	1,396	3,461	8,873	475	4,984	19,189	21,005	637	...	5,436	241	1,040	28,559	—9,370
Balasore	1,331	3,072	6,877	688	93	12,061	18,134	504	...	6,380	303	4,129	29,450	—17,389
Dacca	12,845	11,576	26,693	2,903	6,375	60,392	51,229	5,316	260	13,048	1,440	13,977	85,270	—24,878
Dinagepore	2,797	312	10,930	647	533	15,219	30,626	1,923	4,809	637	301	5,856	44,152	—28,933
Darjeeling	292	553	7,354	79	946	9,224	18,937	515	...	2,541	38	4,532	26,563	—17,339
Furreedpore	7,861	7,275	13,016	1,827	10,483	40,462	39,768	3,189	64	10,448	914	10,351	64,734	—24,272
Gya	3,487	5,500	10,202	1,420	5,862	26,471	39,876	2,347	..	11,337	709	5,406	59,675	—33,204
Hooghly	7,237	10,467	18,156	2,808	888	39,556	53,702	2,781	59	13,874	1,404	6,360	78,180	—38,624
Howrah	4,028	6,093	11,683	1,448	442	23,694	29,602	1,329	..	6,525	724	5,022	43,202	—19,508
Jessore	7,122	7,639	17,919	2,100	683	35,363	37,969	5,243	52	10,343	1,087	3,832	58,526	—23,163
Khulna	3,571	4,773	9,409	1,557	771	20,081	29,830	2,529	52	8,420	770	5,150	46,760	—26,679
Midnapore	8,295	9,054	15,788	3,648	572	37,357	49,410	3,253	504	13,633	1,832	6,797	75,429	—38,072
Moorshedabad	4,681	6,097	11,307	1,590	291	23,966	39,277	2,538	118	11,272	785	5,621	59,611	—35,645
Mymensingh	11,867	15,829	40,130	3,123	1,733	72,681	47,298	5,440	20	12,886	1,427	9,049	76,120	—3,439
Noakhally	8,496	8,250	11,166	875	837	29,624	32,881	3,210	13	9,860	494	3,341	49,769	—20,145
Nuddea	5,104	5,810	14,563	1,411	646	27,534	52,947	2,463	15	3,955	632	3,635	63,647	—36,113
Patna	3,402	4,986	11,616	2,341	687	23,122	50,460	2,948	20	14,221	1,120	8,147	76,916	—53,794
Pubna	6,171	4,792	7,749	1,528	722	20,962	32,037	2,197	241	8,014	734	5,685	48,908	—27,946
Bogra	3,637	3,180	3,955	538	62	11,372	20,639	1,024	...	4,506	269	3,270	29,708	—18,336
Purneah	3,882	6,445	9,923	1,818	56,476	78,544	32,674	1,908	...	9,181	909	5,867	50,599	+27,945
Rajshahye	3,272	4,328	9,372	1,303	1,078	19,353	35,696	2,487	109	9,777	651	2,994	51,714	—32,361
Maldah	1,671	1,983	4,563	368	20 510	29,095	21,893	1,908	1	5,080	303	2,344	31,529	—2,434
Rungpore	4,422	5,758	10,180	1,575	2,064	23,909	38,894	3,060	53	10,311	780	5,238	56,336	—32,337
Julpaigoree	1,385	2,011	5,060	438	351	9,245	20,339	1,330	1	7,853	218	6,892	36,633	—27,388
Sarun	5,932	9,239	23,927	2,452	40,407	81,957	35,624	3,357	20	6,332	1,225	14,679	61,237	+20,720
Champarun	3,314	3,913	7,819	692	12,394	28,132	27,094	2,138	5	3,808	345	5,944	39,334	—11,202
Shahabad	6,995	7,587	12,643	1,931	249	29,405	44,579	3,274	17	7,420	977	3,105	59,372	—29,967
Tipperah	8,541	10,283	18,846	951	490	39,111	39,773	3,509	11	12,560	984	4,692	61,229	—22,118
Mozufferpore	4,995	5,770	13,291	2,976	482	27,514	40,763	2,464	20	6,079	1,488	3,465	54,279	—26,765
Durbhanga	2,772	4,654	7,259	1,850	2,508	19,043	37,794	1,342	250	6,242	975	3,099	49,702	—30,659
24-Pergunnahs	11,442	13,853	43,033	4,443	229	73,000	92,980	5,443	494	21,608	2,148	19,439	1,42,112	—69,112
Hazareebagh	1,407	1,996	7,046	498	6,593	17,632	25,114	671	...	3,776	249	3,929	33,739	—16,107
Lohardugga	1,953	4,059	9,422	1,058	142	16,634	21,666	1,428	253	3,118	514	7,065	34,044	—17,410
Manbhum	1,727	2,775	5,326	622	144	10,594	18,475	1,216	167	5,266	261	3,825	29,210	—18,616
Singbhum	184	257	1,051	44	188	1,724	8,916	173	...	1,336	19	462	10,906	—9,182
TOTAL. Courts of Magistrates	1,99,042	2,46,843	5,20,646	62,569	2,03,344	12,32,444	11,78,814	98,324	7,846	3,38,909	31,211	2,29,976	18,85,170	—6,52,726
TOTAL. Courts of Session	272	5,047	3,967	5,382	40	14,708	3,36,710	3,209	972	23,779	2,635	20,110	3,87,415	—3,72,707
TOTAL	1,99,314	2,51,890	5,24,613	67,951	2,03,384	12,47,152	15,15,524	1,01,533	8,818	3,62,778	33,846	2,50,086	22,72,585	—10,25,433
CALCUTTA. Presidency Magistrates	...	898	65,888	...	6,181	72,917	33,000	...	...	17,366	...	1,588	51,954	+20,963
CALCUTTA. High Court	...	3,254	...	...	...	3,254	95,000	...	...	35,664	...	1,966	1,32,630	—1,29,376
GRAND TOTAL	1,99,314	2,56,042	5,90,501	67,951	2,09,515	13,23,323	16,43,524	1,01,533	8,818	4,15,808	33,846	2,53,640	24,57,169	—11,33,846

IMPERIAL STATEMENTS.

Annual Statement—1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal on the last day of the year, the Work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1885.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts (including Sudder Divisions.)	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS. Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades.	Magistrates of all grades. Stipendiary.	Magistrates of all grades. Special and Honorary Magistrates.	Number of Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases originally decided. By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Special and Honorary Magistrates.	By Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases decided on Appeal. By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered.	Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total Charges of the Criminal Courts.
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Backergunge	3,649	1,900,889	1	4	...	1	13	22	4	3	50	31	2,950	...	317	26	187	64	37,778	72,731
Beerbhoom	1,756	794,428	1	2	...	1	6	12	1	4	42	31	1,312	...	75	31	66	25	20,189	50,452
Bhaugulpore	4,268	1,966,158	1	4	...	1	11	52	5	...	43	11	1,648	...	630	28	138	48	19,424	57,587
Monghyr	3,921	1,969,774		3	..		8	60	6	2	46	14	2,033	...	1,042	34	95	98	25,557	47,183
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,823	1	4	...	1	11	140	10	2	60	4	2,496	...	1,535	9	108	50	31,933	76,557
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752		2	...	1	5	21	2	...	28	3	974	...	141	10	33	7	8,294	32,500
Chittagong	2,567	1,132,341	1	2	...	1	11	22	3	...	34	36	1,956	...	167	15	94	107	28,571	39,343
Cuttack	3,666	1,738,165	1	4	...	1	9	14	2	...	25	149	2,511	...	191	20	97	45	22,094	49,078
Pooree	2,473	868,487		2	...		5	10	2	..	6	4	1,848	..	580	...	47	51	19,189	28,559
Balasore	2,066	945,280		2	...		6	9	1	...	14	16	940	231	37	8	77	48	12,061	29,450
Dacca	2,797	2,116,350	1	4	...	1	9	34	4	5	47	8	2,933	347	524	15	267	93	60,392	85,270
Dinagepore	4,118	1,514,346	1	1	...	1	8	8	2	1	45	103	1,969	...	871	19	115	28	15,219	44,152
Darjeeling	1,234	154,351		3	...		6	8	3	2	9	3	1,235	94	643	5	49	12	9,224	26,563
Furreedpore	2,267	1,631,734	1	3	...	1	9	20	3	3	26	11	2,090	...	303	16	178	61	40,462	64,734
Gya	4,712	2,124,682	1	4	...	1	10	20	3	1	49	41	2,077	...	849	24	201	97	26,471	59,675
Hooghly	1,223	1,015,005	1	3	...	2	9	74	10	4	32	6	2,725	...	1,592	12	103	77	39,556	78,180
Howrah	476	635,381		2	...		7	59	2	1	18	182	1,794	...	2,199	9	114	47	23,694	43,202
Jessore	2,925	1,939,375		5	...		12	72	7	1	48	223	2,601	...	330	21	129	45	35,363	58,526

Khulna	2,077	1,079,948	1	3	...	1	8	30	6	1	26	2	1,187	.	341	7	143	37	20,081	46,760
Midnapore	5,082	2,515,565	1	4	...	1	16	113	10	.	41	8	3,066	..	1,368	23	144	100	37,357	75,429
Moorshedabad	2,144	1,226,790	1	4	...	1	10	65	5	1	39	3	2,745	294	299	22	190	126	23,966	59,611
Mymensingh	6,287	3,051,966	1	5	...	1	12	41	5	3	90	19	4,054	...	590	57	432	165	72 631	76,120
Noakhally	1,641	820,772	1	2	..	1	8	15	1	...	30	32	1,504	..	189	22	118	99	29,624	49,769
Nuddea	2,755	1,655,721	1	5	...	1	11	80	13	3	35	21	2,362	32	851	19	217	80	27,534	63,647
Patna	2,079	1,756,856	1	4	...	1	11	47	8	7	61	24	1,933	...	3,928	26	199	90	23,122	76,916
Pubna	1,847	1,311,728	1	2	.	1	8	23	2	1	35	32	1,409	...	256	17	109	52	20,962	48,908
Bogra	1,498	734,358		1	...		5	22	2	..	13	30	953	57	309	5	74	58	11,372	29,708
Purneah	4,956	1,848,687	1	3	...	1	8	34	3	...	32	7	1,479	8	177	17	84	71	78,544	50,599
Rajshahye	2,361	1,338,638	1	3	...	1	9	16	3	...	32	2	1,653	121	80	14	138	46	19,353	51,714
Maldah	1,945	711,487		1	...		5	12	2	1	19	86	822	99	71	11	48	103	29,095	31,529
Rungpore	3,486	2,097,964	1	4	...	1	10	44	4	2	55	8	2,025	...	329	30	164	48	23,999	56,336
Jalpaiguri	2,834	582,390		2	..		6	6	3	2	20	28	796	...	199	9	87	26	9,245	36,633
Sarun	2,622	2,280,382	1	3	...	1	10	21	4	...	52	77	2,754	15	981	28	146	214	81,957	61,237
Chumparun	3,531	1,721,608		2	...		7	4	1	1	30	20	1,783	...	40	23	163	6	28,132	39,334
Shahabad	4,365	1,964,909	1	4	...	1	12	42	6	1	39	15	2,259	40	595	27	252	161	29,405	59,372
Tipperah	2,491	1,519,338	1	3	...	1	10	43	3	2	29	10	2 089	...	409	14	130	94	39,111	61,229
Mozufferpore	3,003	2,582,060	1	3	...	1	9	29	5	1	39	2	2,185	...	300	12	141	50	27,514	54,279
Durbhungah	3,335	2,633,447		3	...		9	52	7	...	40	30	1,818	...	545	24	148	80	19,043	49,702
24-Pergunnahs	2,097	1,618,420	1	7	...	2	19	139	9	8	93	.	7,987	253	2,627	38	241	79	73,000	1,42,112
Hazareebagh	7,021	1,104,742	1	2	...	1	9	..	...	...	19	38	1,611	...	...	14	40	20	17,632	33,739
Lohardugga	12,045	1,609,244		2	...		10	2	1	4	41	35	2,025	23	97	17	122	140	16,634	34,044
Manbhum	4,147	1,058,228		2	.		10	2	...	1	26	40	1,024	80	...	19	70	35	10,594	29,210
Singbhum	3,753	453,775		1	...		3	2	1	...	4	97	144	...	60	2	22	2	1,724	10,906
TOTAL	138,888	64,179,344	28	129	...	31*	390	1,541	174	68	1,562	1,542	87,759	1,694	26,667	799	5,720	2,985	12,47,152	22,72,585
Calcutta	8	433,219	1	2	15	...	2	103	2	41	...	...	18,701	...	10,737	62	...	...	76,171	1,84,584
GRAND TOTAL	138,896	64,612,563	29	131	15	31	392	1,644	176	109	1,562	1,542	106,460	1,694	37,404	861	5,720	2,985	13,23,323	24,57,169

* The number of Officers is 30 only, as the Additional Sessions Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs, who is also the Additional Sessions Judge of Hooghly, is entered twice.

Annual Statement—2—(Criminal).

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1885.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons.				
		Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
					I. Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against the State.											
Chapter VI, Sections 121 to 130	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
Offences against the Army and Navy.											
Chapter VII, Sections 131 to 140	2	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Offences against the public tranquility.											
Chapter VIII, Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158—Unlawful assembly	3	1,234	257	85	892	723	3,229	1,141	1,855	6	227
" " " 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156—Rioting, &c.	4	1,803	109	75	1,619	1,470	7,662	2,436	4,347	17	812
" " Section 160—Affray	5	293	...	...	293	287	813	98	713	2	...
Offences by or relating to public servants.											
Chapter IX, Sections 161 to 169—By public servants	6	152	23	4	125	117	155	98	51	...	6
" " " 161, 170 and 171—Relating to public servants	7	63	9	1	53	53	79	36	43	...	...
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.											
Chapter X, Sections 172 to 190	8	4,230	88	26	4,116	3,979	6,481	2,072	4,246	2	161
False evidence and offences against public officers.											
Chapter XI, Sections 193 to 200—False evidence, subornation, &c., of public servants	9	647	18	...	629	600	762	360	339	7	56
" " " 201 to 229—Offences against public justice	10	2,474	70	35	2,369	2,238	2,784	1,317	1,313	9	145
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps.											
Chapter XII, Sections 231 to 254—Offences relating to coin	11	120	...	...	120	112	126	44	77	1	4

" " " 255 to 263—Offences relating to stamps	12	7	...	...	7	7	7	2	4	...	1
Offences relating to weights and measures.											
Chapter XIII, Sections 264 to 267	13	284	7	1	276	265	326	106	211	...	9
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.											
Chapter XIV, Sections 269 to 278—Offences affecting public health	14	275	18	6	251	238	473	81	376		15
" " " 279 to 289 " " safety	15	1,054	22	16	1,016	982	1,499	267	1,194	9	29
" " " 290 & 291 " " convenience	16	4,959	9	...	4,950	4,941	7,415	221	7,190	...	4
" " " 292 to 294 " " decency and morals	17	235	4	...	231	209	355	57	297	...	1
" " Section 294A—Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	17*a*	6	...	...	6	6	6	1	5	...	...
Offences relating to religion.											
Chapter XV, Sections 295 to 298	18	50	4	1	45	41	65	41	22	...	2
Offences affecting the human body.											
Chapter XVI, Sections 302 & 303—Murder	19	343	4	21	318	278	599	344	120	6	129
" " Section 307—Attempt at murder	20	78	2	6	70	68	99	48	33	2	16
" " " 304—Culpable homicide	21	262	5	29	228	221	544	253	179	1	111
" " " 304A—Causing death by rash or negligent act	21*a*	77	1	...	76	68	87	43	36	...	8
" " " 308—Attempt at culpable homicide	22	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " Sections 305 & 306—Abetment of suicide	23	4	...	...	4	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " Section 309—Attempted suicide	24	413	6	18	389	346	356	99	236	8	13
" " " 311—Thugee, &c.	25	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 312 to 315—Causing miscarriage	26	66	18	2	46	34	40	30	7	...	3
Attempt	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	2	1	...	...
" " Section 316—Injury to unborn children	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 317—Exposure of infants	28	75	4	3	68	50	61	25	31	1	4
" " " 318—Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	29	45	...	...	45	37	41	13	25	1	2

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Nomenclature of offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons				
		Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, C P C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year
Offences affecting the human body—continued.											
Chapter XVI, Sections 325 to 331, & 333—Hurt with aggravating circumstances	30	974	22	49	903	778	1,547	536	877	4	130
" " " 323, 324, 332, & 334 to 338—Other cases	31	12,211	1,865	517	9,829	5,517	8,307	3,929	4,076	7	295
Attempt	...	1	..	...	1	1	1	..	1	...	...
" " Section 341—Wrongful restraint	32	1,460	350	86	1,024	703	1,101	588	484	2	27
" " Sections 342 to 348—Wrongful confinement	33	2,626	662	244	1,720	1,164	2,275	1,616	551	11	97
" " " 352 to 358—Criminal force or assault	34	52,434	10,034	2,288	40,112	17,855	23,869	12,363	10,987	16	503
" " " 364, 366, 367—Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	35	127	43	9	75	61	109	71	27	...	11
" " " 363, 365, 368 & 369—Other cases	36	317	85	36	196	149	272	130	125	8	9
" " " 370 & 371—Slavery	37	5	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 372 & 373—Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	38	38	4	...	34	30	53	25	26	...	2
" " Section 374—Forced labour	39	5	...	1	4	3	3	1	2	...	...
" " " 376—Rape	40	217	16	55	146	117	171	110	37	2	22
" " " 377—Unnatural offence	41	49	2	3	44	38	50	33	14	...	3
Attempt	...	2	...	...	2	2	2	1	1	...	...
Offences against property.											
Chapter XVII, Section 382—Theft with aggravating circumstances	42	13	...	3	10	5	14	5	9	...	...
" " Sections 379 to 381 & 401—Other cases	43	36,041	4,106	3,473	28,462	18,322	26,571	10,762	14,472	64	1,273
Attempt	...	16	...	1	15	13	14	2	12	...	...
" " " 386 to 389—Extortion with aggravating circumstances	44	37	8	1	28	23	33	29	4	...	...
" " " 384 & 385—Other cases	45	1,165	411	38	716	478	697	500	161	...	36
Attempt	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...

" " Section 394—	Robbery	With hurt	46	30	...	8	22	13	31	12	17	...	2
" " " 392—	Robbery	Other cases	47	211	17	43	151	116	219	96	114	2	7
" " " 393—	Robbery	Attempts	48	12	...	2	10	7	14	6	7	...	1
" " " 396—	Dacoity	With murder	49	3	...	...	3	1	6	1	5	...	...
" " " 397—	Dacoity	With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	50	12	...	3	9	7	36	27	5	...	4
" " " 398—	Dacoity	Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	51	12	1	2	9	5	25	17	8	...	...
" " Sections 395, 399, 400 & 402	Dacoity	Other cases	52	202	4	30	168	111	632	352	182	5	93
" " " 403 & 404—Criminal misappropriation of property			53	898	242	15	641	483	663	320	324	1	18
Attempt			...	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	—	...
" " " 406 to 409—Criminal breach of trust			54	3,025	866	182	1,977	1,434	1,728	981	634	16	97
" " " 411 to 414—Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property			55	2,229	35	61	2,133	2,076	3,562	1,087	2,358	8	109
" " " 417 to 420—Cheating			56	1,832	753	44	1,035	717	922	587	281	9	45
Attempt			...	3	...	...	3	3	4	...	4	...	...
" " " 421 to 424—Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property			57	16	6	1	9	7	8	5	2	...	1
" " " 429 to 433 & 435 to 440—	Mischief	With aggravating circumstances	58	1,727	163	183	1,381	959	1,519	791	626	3	99
	Mischief	Attempt	...	22	...	1	21	20	26	6	19	—	1
" " " 426 to 428 & 434—	Mischief	Other cases	59	7,968	2,098	257	5,613	3,130	4,278	2,372	1,760	5	141
Attempt			...	2	...	...	2	2	3	1	2	...	...
" " " 459 & 460—	Criminal trespass.	Resulting in death or grievous hurt	60	63	1	13	49	36	53	16	35	...	2
" " " 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457 & 458—	Criminal trespass.	For commission of serious offences	61	19,490	207	870	18,413	2,804	4,057	1,478	2,357	16	206
	Criminal trespass.	Attempt	...	107	—	2	105	21	27	8	18	—	1
" " " 447, 448, 453, 456, 461 & 462—	Criminal trespass.	Other cases	62	13,792	2,965	1,010	9,817	6,592	10,619	5,584	4,628	12	395
Attempt			...	4	...	...	4	3	3	1	2	...	...

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Nomenclature of offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law Applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of Cases					Number of Persons.				
		Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 147, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property mark.											
Chapter XVIII, Sections 465 to 471 & 474—Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers	63	189	29	2	158	148	270	192	39	3	36
" " " 472 to 476—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery	64	3	...	...	3	3	5	...	1	...	4
" " Section 477—Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document	65	8	1	4	3	3	5	4	...	...	1
" " Sections 482, 486, 487 & 488—Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked .	66	18	6	...	12	10	12	6	5	...	1
" " " 483 to 485—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die, plate or instrument for counterfeiting trade or property mark	67	6	...	3	3	2	3	1	2	...	...
" " Section 489—Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury	68	2	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...
Criminal breach of contracts and service.											
" XIX, Sections 490 to 492	69	74	23	1	50	34	88	52	36	...	...
Offences relating to marriage.											
" XX, Sections 493 to 498	70	4,118	1,471	96	2,551	1,308	1,756	1,374	284	12	86
Defamation.											
" XXI, Sections 500 to 502	71	741	294	21	426	248	321	251	59	1	10
Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance.											
" XXII, Section 506—The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt . .	72	314	37	9	268	188	239	76	157	...	6
" " Sections 504 to 510—Other cases	73	1,823	396	38	1,389	741	977	504	451	3	19
Total of Offences under the Penal Code .	...	185,955	27,907	10,036	148,012	83,869	131,276	56,200	69,242	283	5,551

					II.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.						
Code of Criminal Procedure.											
Chapter VIII, Sections 107, 108, 119—Security for keeping the peace	74	3,475	608	17	2,850	2,158	9,587	3,127	6,151	13	296
" " " 109, 110—Security for good behaviour	75	1,137	25	3	1,109	1,086	1,222	411	767	6	38
Other Laws :—relating to.											
Arms and Ammunition, Acts XXXI of 1860 and XI of 1878	...	917	...	4	913	908	979	105	860	4	10
Army and Navy	...	21	...	...	21	21	24	5	19	...	...
Canal, Drainage, and Embankment Acts, VI and VIII of 1873	...	173	2	7	164	160	293	88	195	...	10
Other Laws :—relating to—											
Cantonment (Military), Acts XXII of 1864 and III of 1880	...	599	1	...	598	592	911	127	782	...	2
Cattle Trespass, Act I of 1877	..	8,232	1,098	306	6,828	2,641	3,903	2,190	1,632	2	79
Code of Civil Procedure	...	61	...	...	61	56	69	14	53	...	2
Companies, Act X of 1866	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Contagious Diseases (Animal), Act VIII of 1880	...	48	...	...	48	47	55	3	52	...	...
Contract (Workmen), Act XIII of 1859	...	428	23	6	399	280	293	83	207	1	2
Court of Wards, Act IX of 1879	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Cruelty to Animals, Act I of 1869	...	3,708	...	...	3,708	3,708	6,062	85	5,977	...	...
Emigration (Inland) Act VII (B. C.) of 1873 and Act I of 1882	...	13	...	...	13	12	28	11	17	...	...
Emigration to Foreign Ports, Act VII of 1871	...	2	...	...	2	2	4	3	1	...	...
Excise (Abkari Opium), Acts XXI of 1856, XXIII of 1876, and I and VII of 1878	...	3,521	2	57	3,462	3,436	3,970	652	3,268	4	46
Fair Ways Obstruction, Act XVI of 1881	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Ferries, Act II of 1873	...	37	...	1	36	34	41	10	31	...	...
Fire Brigade and Jute Warehouse, Act V (B. C.) of 1876	...	2	...	...	2	2	2	1	1	...	...
Forests, Act VII of 1878	...	342	2	1	339	324	531	94	437	...	...
Furnace, Act II of 1863	...	4	...	..	4	4	5	2	3	...	...
Gambling, Act II of 1867	...	215	...	...	215	214	858	116	726	...	16
Gas Companies, Act V of 1857	...	1	...	...	1	...	.	...	...	...	..
Hackney and Stage Carriages, Acts V of 1866, XVI of 1861 and XIV of 1879	...	1,605	5	8	1,592	1,551	1,638	158	1,478	1	1
Howrah Bridge, Act IX of 1871	...	12	...	...	12	12	12	...	12	...	..
" Local, Act XXI of 1857	...	248	...	...	248	248	388	28	360	...	...
Invoculation, Act IV of 1865	...	44	1	1	42	41	49	29	20	...	...
Irrigation, Act III (B. C.) of 1876	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	1	2	...	...
Jails, Acts II of 1864, V of 1865, and XXVI of 1870	...	26	...	...	26	25	29	4	25	...	...

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1885—concld.

Nomenclature of offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable	Number of head of crime	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons				
		Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 147, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
Land Acquisition, Act X of 1870	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Legal Practitioners, Act XVIII of 1879	...	3	...	...	3	3	3	3	...	...	...
Lodging Houses, Act IV (B. C.) of 1871	...	135	1	...	134	134	142	11	131	...	...
Merchant Shipping, Acts I of 1859 and III (B. C.) of 1867	...	187	...	..	187	187	281	42	237	...	2
Municipalities, Acts IV and V (B. C.) of 1876	...	27,640	1	139	27,500	19,120	20,841	3,203	17,455	13	160
Police (District), Act V of 1861	...	15,167	15	19	15,133	14,958	16,886	1,317	15,534	14	21
„ (Town), Acts II and IV of 1866	...	5,396	—	...	5,396	5,393	7,560	162	7,395	...	3
Ports, Act XII of 1875	...	2,355	...	...	2,355	2,355	3,253	6	3,247	...	...
Post Office, Act XIV of 1866	...	37	...	...	37	36	43	15	27	...	1
Poppy, Act XIII of 1857	...	2	—	...	2	2	6	6	...	...	...
Prisoners, Acts II of 1864, IX of 1866 and V of 1871	...	48	...	...	48	47	55	9	46	...	...
Railways, Act IV of 1879	...	1,471	5	5	1,461	1,412	1,712	227	1,470	3	12
Reformatary Schools, Act V of 1876	...	1	—	...	1	1	1	...	1	—	...
Registration of Births and Deaths, Act IV of 1873	...	307	3	2	302	299	359	66	292	...	1
„ of Documents, Act III of 1877	...	93	3	...	90	85	144	45	91	...	8
Resistance of Apprehension, Act X of 1882	...	8	1	...	7	6	7	..	7	...	...
Road Cess, Act IX of 1880	...	184	1	...	183	117	226	31	179	...	1
Salt, Acts VII and XXXI of 1861, VII of 1864, and VIII of 1875	..	795	2	2	791	775	904	65	832	...	76
Stamps, Acts X of 1862, XVIII of 1869, and I of 1879	...	821	19	3	799	707	1,022	202	813	1	9
Steam Boilers, Act III of 1879	...	1	—	..	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Telegraph	...	9	2	...	7	7	8	3	4	...	1
Tolls, Act V of 1864	...	4	...	...	4	4	4	2	2	..	...
Tramways, Act I (B. C.) of 1880	...	36	—	...	36	35	44	14	30	...	...
Treasure Trove, Act VI of 1878	...	2	...	...	2	2	11	..	11	.	...
Vaccination, Act V of 1880	...	463	...	...	463	423	1,343	702	637	1	3
Vagrancy, Act IX of 1874	...	36	...	...	36	36	37	4	33	...	...
Total of Offences under Special Laws	...	80,077	1,820	581	77,676	63,712	85,843	13,484	71,553	63	743
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	...	266,032	29,727	10,617	225,688	147 581	217,119	69,684	140,795	346	6,294

Annual Statement—3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during 1885.

Nature of Proceedings.	Total number dealt with during the year.		Disposed of during the year.			Remarks.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.		
				Discharged.	Convicted.	
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI c and Section 485	56	83	56	27	56	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace	2,599	10,419	2,502	3,127	6,983	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII—Security for good behaviour	1,117	1,222	1,088	411	767	
4. Proceedings against local nuisances—Chapter X	613	923	576	199	626	
5. Possession—Chapter XII	359	...	339	...	..	
6. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250	999	1,008	999	15	993	
7. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIII, Section 332	43	43	43	28	15	
8. Maintenance—Chapter XXXVI	891	891	885	441	444	
9. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII	1,072	1,484	1,059	197	1,279	
Total	7,749	16,073	7,547	4,445	11,163	

Note.—Besides the persons shown in this statement, there were three cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter XLVI, Section 551 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which resulted in the discharge of one and conviction of two persons.

Annual Statement—4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1885.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.									NUMBER OF CASES.					
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	Brought to trial during the year.						Total.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted.				Committed or referred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.	Persons under trial at the end of year.	Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Disposed of summarily.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
		Under arrest by police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer.				On regular trial.		On summary trial.										
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.									
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Special Magistrate under Section 14	...	4	1	178	12	...	...	195	...	80	106	...	..	...	...	186	9	76	73	3	...	1·7	261
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	15	598	44	1,090	1	...	...	1,755	.	638	1,048	...	29	...	...	1,715	40	1,255	1,242	24	29	5·8	3,175
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	6	21	67	261	46	...	...	421	...	179	6	232	...	...	...	419	2	377	379	1	...	3·0	1,209
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	1,332	14,650	1,839	17,188	763	..	4	35,785	56	14,983	18,712	305	.	...	517	34,417	1,312	23,905	23,824	809	110	12·6	95,624
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	3,789	77,208	7,301	41,774	2,037	2	9	132,118	240	39,783	15,658	27,532	440	42,139	2,546	128,098	3,760	82,865	82,636	2,019	31,754	9·4	258,166
Subordinate Magistrates: Benches of Magistrates	469	11,580	1,284	30,808	265	...	1	44,407	30	12,366	4,548	4,013	6,098	16,736	2	43,763	614	37,517	37,404	440	26,428	3·8	48,197
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349	7	24	7	215	...	232	...	485	...	55	197	40	...	157	5	454	31	432	409	30	197	3·6	324
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under ordinary powers	73	957	102	499	78	..	19	1,728	2	454	159	435	21	541	31	1,641	85	1,103	1,121	40	470	11·7	3,552
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under special powers under Section 34	1	11	.	..	..	2	...	14	..	1	8	..	...	..	5	14		11	12	...	...	16·4	94
Total	5,692	105,058	10,665	92,013	3,211	236	33	216,908	328	68,439	40,444	32,557	6,588	59,573	3,106	210,707	5,973	147,541	147,100	3,366	58,988	8·5	410,602
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	7	...	..	...	...	31	...	38	...	24	4	...	...	...	10	38	...	14	16	...	...	36·3	179
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	412	...	...	...	...	2,805	1	3,218	18	1,189	1,450	69	...	3	82	2,793	409	1,550	1,534	233	3	45·7	11,409
Judges: Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	..	5	5	...	...	36·8	...
Judges: Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	..	..	...	..	10	...	10	...	1	9	..		...	...	10	...	7	7	..	...	25·8	...
Total	419	...	...	..		2,851	1	3,271	18	1,214	1,468	69	...	3	92	2,846	409	1,576	1,562	233	3	45·5	11,589
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
High Court: Cases under Sections 447 and 526, C. P. C.	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
High Court: Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	3	...	...	...	...	45	...	48	...	15	...	31	...	...	...	46	2	40	41	2	...	*24·9	439
High Court: Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	2	...	...	...	...	36	...	38	...	7	...	22	...	...	...	29	5	28	25	3	...	152·8	...
High Court: Ditto ditto under Section 374, C. P. C.	5	...	...	...	...	49	...	54	...	9	...	40	...	...	..	49	4	47	43	4	...	24·7	...
Total	10	...	...	..	...	131	...	141	...	31	..	93	...	...	...	124	12	116	109	10	...	24·5	439
GRAND TOTAL	6,121	105,058	10,665	92,013	3,211	3,218	34	[illegible]	346	69,684	41,912	32,719	6,588	59,576	3,198	213,677	6,294	149,233	148,771	3,609	58,991	8·8	422,629

* The cases of 5 persons were remanded for retrial.

Annual Statement—5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1885.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	PERSONS SENTENCED TO											PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE			PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR.		DETAIL OF PUNISHMENTS																								
		Transportation.			Imprisonment.				Fine.		Whipping.							Fine.									Imprisonment.										Whipped.			
					Rigorous.																						15 days & under.		6 months & under.		2 years & under.		7 years & under.		Above 7 years.					
	Death.	For life.	For a term.	Penal servitude.	With solitary confinement.	Without solitary confinement.	Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	With imprisonment.	Without imprisonment.	In addition to other punishment.	In lieu of other punishment.	Sureties of the peace.	Recognizance to keep the peace.	Sureties for good behaviour.	One year and under.	Three years and under.	R10 and under.	R50 and under.	R100 and under.	R500 and under.	R1,000 and under.	Above R1,000.	Total amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
I.—MAGISTRATES.																																								
Village officers under Section 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. — Special Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	..	2	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	6	.	...	...	..	416	416	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. — 2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	..	...	67	3	..	12	1,017	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	963	44	2	...	...	...	3,583	3,429	313	28	3	29	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. — 1st class	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	..	5	226	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	177	54	...	...	...	...	1,951	1,854	328	2	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. — 2nd and 3rd class	...	..	...	..	...	4,305	145	...	1,195	14,453	2	68	11	18	3	3	..	13,250	2,315	61	22		...	112,344	97,451	7,532	1,479	101	2,819	44	10	.	...	.	..	...	43	43	4	2
Subordinate Magistrates. — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. — 1st class	...	...	...	...	23	19,114	649	2	2,795	56,798	157	1,356	2,597	4,260	674	591	1	51,587	7,184	595	211	15	1	452,193	406,031	25,714	3,100	370	12,181	272	4,423	8	24	..	...	...	657	654	202	48
Subordinate Magistrates. — Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	1,001	49	..	194	27,619	2	46	7	65	...	...	...	26,511	1,264	37	1		..	81,913	75,179	4,284	465	41	523	8	13	...	...	...	...	..	25	22	1	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349.	...	..	...	..	6	155	4	.	15	199	13	35	1	.	...	...	...	207	6	. .	1	...	...	1,032	624	...	2	...	63	4	96	..	...	...	...	...	12	29	7	6
Chief Magistrates of Districts. — Under ordinary powers	..	...	...	...	...	275	23		16	663	5	37	64	48	53	43	...	607	58	6	7	..	1	5,523	6,351	177	73	20	142	3	100	...	3	..	...	...	13	22	7	1
Chief Magistrates of Districts. — Under special powers under Section 34.	..	...	...	...	...	8	...		1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1			300	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
Total	..	..	...	...	29	24,930	874	2	4,235	101,075	179	1,562	2,680	4,395	730	637	1	93,418	10,931	701	243	15	2	659,254	591,335	38,348	5,150	536	15,769	331	4,643	8	34	..	...	...	750	770	221	57
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																																								
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	4		..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...			50	21	...	...	..	1	...	..	...	3	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	.	100	82	...	1	1,251	24		106	15	11	6	...	...	37	3	34	8	72	28	10	2	1	13,284	3,781	182	1	11	155	12	362	1	710	...	61	...	...	6	11	2
Judges — Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	..	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1			200	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges — Ditto ditto by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	..	...	...	...	...	9	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		100	82	..	1	1,269	24		108	15	11	6	.	...	37	3	34	8	73	28	11	2	1	13,534	3,802	182	1	11	157	12	362	1	726		61	...	...	6	11	2
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																																								
High Court. — Cases coming before the Court under Sections 447 and 526, C. P. C.		..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.		...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. — Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates.	3	2	1	1	...	23	1	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	2,000	...	...	...	...	4	1	3	...	14		2	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	5	...	...	...	17	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	12	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. — Ditto ditto Section 374, C. P. C.	28	10	...		...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Total	31	17	1	1	..	42	1	...	1	...	.	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2,000	...	..	...	...	4	1	7	..	26	...	5	...		...	...	
GRAND TOTAL	31	117	83	1	30	26,241	899	2	4,344	101,090	190	1,568	2,680	4,395	767	640(b)	35	94,426	11,004	729	254	17	4	674,788	595,137	38,530	5,151	547	15,930	344	5,012	9	786	...	66	...	750	776	232	59

N. B.—Besides the persons entered in the statement there were 2,989 persons who were warned and discharged: 239 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts under Act I of 1882: 73 seamen were ordered to forfeit wages: 26 vagrants were sent to the workhouse: 18 deserters were sent to the Military authorities to be dealt with by them: 183 persons ordered to get their children vaccinated: and 261 persons ordered to pay hackney carriage fare: 3 women to discontinue brothels: 1 person, confiscation of salt: 92 persons were ordered to give recognisance as well as sureties.

(a) Of these, 816 persons were ordered under Section 106, Criminal Procedure Code, to furnish securities in addition to other punishments.

(b) In the case of one of these the imprisonment was simple. Three persons were committed each in two different cases, but although the cases were tried separately, the punishment was awarded jointly.

Annual Statement—5a—(Criminal).

Statement showing the particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals during 1885.

Part I.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other punishment.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of stripes awarded.												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	
In lieu of other punishment. (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864).													
1. Theft, as defined in — Section 378, I. P. C.	89	13	301	9	191	10	120	4	20	...	18	1	776
1. Theft, as defined in — " 380 "	40	2	143	4	81	2	109	...	22	2	37	8	450
1. Theft, as defined in — " 381 "	7	...	20	2	20	...	14	1	7	...	6	...	77
1. Theft, as defined in — " 382 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
2. Extortion, as defined in — " 388 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
2. Extortion, as defined in — " 389 "	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property as defined in — " 411 "	5	1	20	1	25	...	21	...	5	...	15	2	95
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property as defined in — " 412 "	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in — " 443 "	...	...	4	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	15
5. Ditto by night, as defined in — " 444 "	2	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	9
6. House breaking, as defined in — " 445 "	...	...	6	...	5	1	8	...	2	...	3	...	25
7. Ditto by night, as defined in — " 446	1	...	4	2	9	2	7	2	1	...	2	...	30
8. Offence under Section 14, Ac III, 1880	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	3
												Total	1,493

Note.—Besides the persons entered in this statement, 1 was sentenced to whipping in a case under section 251, I. P. C.

PART II.

Showing Whippings inflicted in addition to other Punishment, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.		Number of stripes.						Total.
		5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT. *(Sections 3 and 4.)*								
A.—Section 3 :—								
1. Theft, as defined in	Section 378, I. P. C.	1	6	8	32	9	17	73
	" 380 "	...	1	11	25	8	18	63
	" 381 "	...	...	1	2	...	...	3
	" 332 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in	" 388 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 389 "	...	...	...		...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in	" 411 "	...	...	7	6	3	6	22
	" 412 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking house trespass, as defined in	" 443 "	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
5. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 444 "	...	...	1	...	...	2	3
6. House breaking, as defined in	" 445 "	...	...	1	3	..	3	7
7. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 446 "	...	1	...	2	2	4	9
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
B.—Section 4 :—								
1. False evidence, as defined in	Section 193, I. P. C.	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	" 194 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 195 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in	" 211 and "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 377 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Assault, as defined in	" 354 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
4. Rape, as defined in	" 375 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Unnatural offence, as defined in	" 377 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Robbery, as defined in	" 390 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Dacoity, as defined in	" 391 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Attempt at robbery, as defined in	" 393 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Hurt in committing robbery, as defined in	" 394 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Receiving stolen property, as defined in	" 413 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in	" 463 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 466 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 467 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 468 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 469 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Lurking house trespass, as defined in	" 443 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 444 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. House-breaking, as defined in	" 445 "	...	...	...	1	...	2	3
15. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 446 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
							TOTAL	185

PART III.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles, for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

OFFENCE	STRIPES.												TOTAL.
	5 AND UNDER.		6 TO 10.		11 TO 15.		16 TO 20.		21 TO 25.		26 TO 30.		
	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	
Section 290, I. P. C. . . .	4	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ 294 „ . . .	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 289 „ . . .	2	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ 379 „ . . .	10	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	15
„ 456 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 44, Act IV of 1879 I. A. .	..	...	7	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ 381 I. P. C. . .	4	...	2	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	9
Sections 324 and 325, I. P. C. .	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ 251 „ .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 403 „ .	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 448 „ .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 429 „ .	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 457 „ .	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
„ 380 „ .	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	2
„ 447 „ .	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 408 „ .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 428 „ .	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 376 „ .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
„ 454 & 75 . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
„ 323	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 426 „ .	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
											TOTAL .		79

PART IV.

Showing relative number of times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments.

Punishments.	Number.	REMARKS.
Total number of whippings awarded	1,758	
Total number of other punishments	139,037	Total number of convicted persons who might have been, but were not, whipped 25,336
Percentage of whippings . .	1 24	

Annual Statement—6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1885.

Class of Tribunal		Number of Persons												Number of Cases		
		Total number of Appellants and Applicants for revision, including pending from previous year.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Appeals or Applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered	Reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, omitting those who died or escaped or whose cases were transferred.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS.																
To	From															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	5,080	1	413	2,605	...	605	1,197	9	68	2	4,899	180	2,939	2,985	98
Courts of Session	Magistrates	9,066	1	2,151	3,865	...	840	1,715	3	63	1	8,638	427	5,807	5,719	242
	Assistant Judges	1	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	1	...	1	1	...
Superior Courts. By persons convicted	Presidency Magistrates	84	...	59	21	...	1	1	...	...	...	82	2	64	62	2
	Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, C. P. C.	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	3	1	4	3	1
	Sessions Judges	1,349	2	703	315	1	133	132	1	8	...	1,293	54	777	797	29
Superior Courts. By Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 417	All Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	15,584	4	3,329	6,806	1	1,579(a)	3,046	13	139	3	14,916*	664	9,592	9,567†	372
REVISION.																
By	Of order of															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	1,071	2	710	275	...	14	82	6	271	116	1,474	40	1,028	1,045	25
Courts of Session	Magistrates	1,814	2	1,772	616	...	3	24	9	588	318	3,330	148	1,485	1,470	65
High Court (cases referred for orders under Sections (432, 438)	Magistrates	460	...	...	117	14	47	186	12	68	...	444	16	245	236	15
High Court (Cases dealt with under Section 435)	Magistrates	996	...	514	176	...	25	198	1	33	...	947	49	418	407	21
	Courts of Session	61	...	21	9	1	2	20	...	4	...	57	4	35	33	4
	Total	4 402(b)	4	3,017	1,193	15	91	510	28	964	434	6,252	257	3,211	3,191	130
	GRAND TOTAL	19,986	8	6,346	7,999	16	1,670	3,556	41	1,103	437	21,168	921	12,803	12,758	502

(a) In addition to these, one appeal of one person from Port Blair, filed in 1885, was decided during the year.
(b) Besides this there were 2,111 accused persons in whose cases the applications made were not in their behalf or interest These persons, though not shewn in column 2, are shown in the columns 4 to 12 according to the result of the applications
* Excluding one of two persons in one case who died.
† Excluding one case in which appellant died

Annual Statement—7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1885.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors	
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C. P. C. — Jurors	Five Jurors	44	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	All offences, including abetment and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII, and XXVIII of the Indian Penal Code, and tried by Jury in the Districts of Burdwan, Dacca, Hooghly, Moorshedabad, Nuddea, Patna, and the 24 Pergunnahs. Other cases in the Lower Provinces are tried with the aid of Assessors.
Court of Sessions — Jurors	Five Jurors and two Assessors, qualifications as described in Chapter XXIII, Code of Criminal Procedure	348	...	282	35	31	32	49	...	...	...	
Court of Sessions — Assessors		...	1,047	...	...	...	...	..	796	121	130	
High Court, Original Criminal Jurisdiction. — Jurors	Nine Jurors, qualifications as described in Rules 2 and 3 of the Jury Rules.	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	
TOTAL		433	1,047	326	35	31	32	49	796	121	130	

Annual Statement—8—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of European British Subjects in the Province of Bengal in the year 1885.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons accused and brought before a magistrate: Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Within the year: On complaint, Section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code.	On Police Report, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate *suo motu*, Section 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from another district or province.	Total.	Died, escaped, or transferred to other districts or provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	Persons whose cases were disposed of. By District Magistrates and other first class Magistrates: Received by transfer under Section 451 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed: To Court of Session.	To High Court.	Transferred by order under section 451 B of the Code.	Total omitting entries in columns 10 and 15.	By Courts of Session: Received by transfer under Section 451 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 449 of the Code.	Total exclusive of column 17.	By High Court: Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Total for all Courts: Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Number of cases: Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 456 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5, number who applied under Section 9, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 528 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	3	..	1	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to religion, Chapter XV	...	...	1	..	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI: Offences affecting life	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	...
Hurt	...	7	6	...	...	13	...	13	...	10	3	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	10	3	13	...	13	13	...	...	...	...
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	3	...	2	1	...	..	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
Criminal force and assault	...	37	1	..	...	38	...	38	...	22	15	...	...	...	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	15	37	1	37	36	1	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII: Theft	...	...	6	...	...	6	..	6	...	3	3	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6	...	6	6	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of trust	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Receiving of stolen property	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cheating	...	2	1	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	1	2	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
Mischief	...	3	1	...	...	4	...	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...
Criminal trespass	...	2	2	...	...	4	...	4	...	3	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...
Defamation, Chapter XXI	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, Chapter XXII	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
Offences under special and local laws	...	71	83	2	...	156	..	156	...	138	18	...	...	...	156	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	138	18	156	...	154	154	...	...	...	...
Total	...	129	111	2	...	242	...	242	...	189	51	...	1	...	241	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	189	51	240	2	216	214	2	...	...	...

SUBSIDIARY TABLE.

	35. Of the total number of persons shown in Column 16: Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, section 451 A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in column 35 (1) whose cases were transferred under section 451 of the Code.	Column 21: Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors, section 451 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Columns 21 and 24: Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	36. Of cases shown in column 30. Disposed of by Magistrates: Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Disposed of by Sessions Judges: Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	...	241	...	...	...	...	...	211	3	...	...

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